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CAREGIVER SPOTLIGHT

Our Spotlight Employee this month will receive:

Tamaqua - Walmart Gift Card

Lancaster - Lancaster Cupcake Gift Card



Lancaster Office

Elsie Soriano

Elsie Soriano has been recognized for displaying the core values of Compassionate Care, Resourceful, Integrity, and Excellence. Employees like you make our company a great place to work! by "enhancing abilities and changing lives."



Tamaqua Office

Sierra Giandomenico

Sierra has been a staple in Tamaqua with her consumers. She is always caring and open to taking fill in shifts when needed.

Her consumers appreciate her bedside manner and how she looks to improve their current situations.

Featured Training

Protecting Private Information and the Basics of HIPAA

Upon completion of this course, you will receive 1 hour paid training time.

Please be Advised as Always!

We need to be providing daily notes on care needs in the participants ILS Binders



Bee Smart, No Sharps



Needle Stick Injuries are Preventable

The participant should be promptly disposing of used needles in appropriate sharps disposal container is one way prevent needle stick injuries.

Direct Care Workers who may be exposed to needles are at increased risk of needle stick injury. Needle stick injuries can lead to serious or fatal infections with blood borne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, or HIV. Protect yourself from needle stick injuries.

*** A Direct Care Worker (PCA) is NEVER to handle Lancets, Needles (Sharps) for any reason!**

Any worker who may come in contact with needles is at risk. Whenever a needle or other sharp device is exposed, injuries can occur. Certain work practices may increase the risk of needle stick injury. Studies have shown that needle stick injuries are often associated with:

- Consumer not disposing lancets correctly, example: laying on tables around clutter and/or paperwork.
- Recapping needles should NEVER be done by DCW.
- Failing to dispose of used needles properly in puncture-resistant containers

Prevent needle stick injuries: Needle stick injuries can be avoided by eliminating the improper disposal of needles, using devices with safety features with promoting education and safe work practices. As a healthcare professional, you can protect yourself from a needle stick injury by:

- Always avoiding of needles, lancets/sharps!
 - Report when consumer are using sharps.
- Ensure the participant is promptly disposing of used needles in conveniently placed in appropriate sharps disposal container.
 - NEVER handling/recapping needles, sharps.
- Planning for safe handling and disposal of needles by the participant.
- Reporting all needle sticks and sharps-related injuries promptly to ensure that you receive appropriate follow-up care.
- Telling your employer about any needle stick hazards you observe and promptly reporting any needle sticks and near-misses.

What to do if you experience a needle stick injury or were exposed to the blood or other body fluid of a patient during the course of your work

Immediately follow these steps:

- Wash needle stick/ cut with soap and water
 - Report the incident to your supervisor
 - Immediately seek medical treatment

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recently changed their guidelines on COVID-19.

ILS is following the below guidelines as outlined by the CDC:

People who have Covid-19 should stay home until they've been fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours and their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours. After that, it's fine to resume regular activities. It is recommend that people take additional precautions for the next five days – including improving ventilation, masking and limiting close contact with others – to lower the risk of spreading the virus.

Please practice safety first and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Having Trouble with the HALO LOGIT?!

Then here are some troubleshooting tips that might be just what you need!

1. Log out of the application and sign back in. You won't lose any information entered and it might just be the quick reset you needed.
2. Make sure the application is up to date. You can do this by checking your app store regularly for updates to the Logit app. You can also set it up so that applications will update automatically through your devices settings.
3. Still not working? Try deleting the application from your smart device and re downloading it through you App Store. Once downloaded again, you can log back in with the same username/password and pick up where you left off!
4. Still not working? Remember, you can always give your Staffing Supervisor a call and they will assist you with next steps! **Turning on phone location services may be needed.**



Your ILS Support Team:

Jared, Ashley, Denise, Lisa, Jen and Barb
Monica, Stephanie, Luz, Lori and Greg