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Illinois Pioneer Coalition

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“Partners on the Journey”

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Our Mission

The purpose of the **Illinois Pioneer Coalition** is to improve the quality of life for individuals and staff in all care settings throughout the State of Illinois. We believe the principles, practices, and philosophies of deep culture change are the tools that can transform the culture in which we care for our elders and the disabled, to one that is life affirming, satisfying, and meaningful.

Our Values

- Know each person.
- Each person can and does make a difference.
- Relationship is the fundamental building block of a transformed culture.
- Respond to spirit, as well as mind and body.
- Risk taking is a normal part of life.
- Put person before task.
- All people are entitled to self-determination wherever they live.
- Community is the antidote to institutionalization.
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- Promote the growth and development of all.
- Shape and use the potential of the environment in all its aspects: physical, organizational, and psycho-social / spiritual.
- Practice self-examination, searching for new creativity and opportunities for doing better.
- Recognize that culture change and transformation are not destinations but a journey, always a work in progress.

The **Illinois Pioneer Coalition** was organized to provide long term care settings with the education and tools needed to effect deep culture change, thereby transforming long term care settings into real homes and improving the quality of life for individuals and staff in various settings throughout Illinois . The education provided shall be based on the philosophy, practices, and principles of person-centered and person-directed care designed to improve quality of life for elders and persons with disabilities in our society.

About the Illinois Pioneer Coalition



The state of Illinois embraced culture change early, in 1999. Since then, over 2,000 consumers, advocates, nursing facility

representatives and licensing surveyors have been trained on culture change values and principles through the efforts of the Illinois Department of Aging State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and the Illinois Association of Long Term Care Ombudsmen, with initial funding from the state's Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) funds to 'enhance Illinois' pioneer efforts in culture change'.

This infusion of culture change education, coupled with Oakbrook, Illinois being the site of the 2002 national Pioneer Network Conference, led to coalition planning meetings in August 2002 and April 2003. The first organizational meeting of an Illinois culture change coalition was in November 2003, led by the state's long term care provider associations, the ombudsman program and Illinois area agencies on aging.

Since that time, the Illinois Pioneer Coalition has been successful in securing another funding through the Illinois Department on Aging - Office of State Om-

budsman with the Illinois Department of Public Health CMP funds. The components of the new grant activities include continued statewide education, grants to regional ombudsman programs for regional culture change coalition building, a grant to build the statewide coalition and a grant for culture change research to develop a data base of pioneer practices and outcomes.

How you can help.

Regional Coalitions

**Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.**

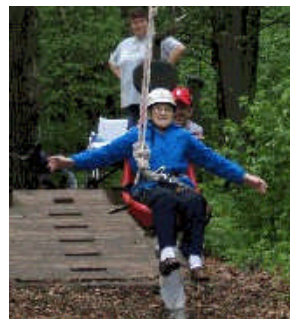
Henry Ford

What is a Coalition?

A coalition is a group of individuals and organizations working together in a common effort, for a common purpose, to make more effective use of resources.

If you have experience in building regional coalitions or you want to make a difference in your community and are willing to learn, the Illinois Pioneer Coalition's can help you to get started in your area.

This could be your opportunity to make a difference in the way elders are cared for in your community.



Regional Coalition Facilitators work with other health care professionals in their areas to educate and to spread the mission and the vision of the Illinois Pioneer Coalition.

Become a Partner

Our Partners are our Advocates.

If you would like to help us spread the message and be kept abreast of the exciting changes in Illinois, you can ask to be added to our mailing and e-mail list.



We would be happy to keep you informed of Pioneer Coalition news as well as any upcoming educational programs offered by the coalition and their "partners".

Signing up to be a partner includes you and your organization into a group of caring, innovative, and culture changing individuals that are working to make a difference in the lives of elders in Illinois.

The time for change in Long Term Care in Illinois is here, and this is your chance to get involved.

Speaker's Bureau

The Illinois Pioneer Coalition maintains a list of professional speaker's that are available to speak in your community about the Pioneer efforts in Illinois.

These individuals are committed to the mission and the vision of the Culture Change movement.

The Illinois Pioneer Coalition offers:

- Regional Coalition Building
- Education and Training
- Speaker's Bureau

How you can "Join The Journey"

Please let us know your interest in the Pioneer Coalition and how you would like to help change the lives of our Elders in Illinois. Mail this form today!

- I would like information on how to start a Regional Coalition.
- I would like to join the journey. Please add my name to your list of "partners".
- I am not able to help at this time, but would like to be informed of any future educational programs.
- I would like more information about the Speaker's Bureau.

Name _____

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