Access to the Institute for Geriatric Social Work’s Online Training

The Massachusetts Council for Home Care Aide Services, Inc. is pleased to announce an online training opportunity for supervisors and staff interested in pursuing advanced training. Through an agreement with Boston University Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW), supervisors and staff from each agency will be eligible to enroll in the online course **Basic Issues in Aging** at the reduced rate of $50.00 per participant. All participants will have the opportunity to enroll in the **Certificate in Aging** program at a later date.

The Basic Issues in Aging online course provides an interactive learning experience, integrating graphics, case studies and video clips focused on real-world challenges. All IGSW online courses are designed to enhance participant professional skill level. These courses are designed to be taken in one sitting or in multiple sessions. Participants who successfully complete the Basic Issues in Aging course will be eligible to receive 5 Nursing or Social Work CEUs (per code 244 CMR 5.00). To earn a CEU certificate, participants must complete the online course and pass a post-assessment with a minimum score of 70%.

**Course Description:**

This interactive, self-paced course will provide an overview of Basic Issues in Aging, including the biological, psychological, and social context of aging.

**Course Learning Objectives:**

After completing this course, participants should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an awareness of his/her own attitude towards adult aging and old age.
2. Identify the physical changes which take place during the aging process.
3. Identify with the psychological changes that take place during the aging process.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the social changes that take place during the aging process.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the complexity and diversity of the aging experience.

**Course Competencies:**

The course competencies are as follows:

1. **Knowledge**
   - Identify and apply information regarding an older adult’s physical status, such as: disabilities, chronic or acute illness, nutrition status, sensory impairment, medications, mobility, and activities of daily living (ADLs) and independent activities of daily living (IADLs).
• Identify issues related to losses, changes, and transitions over the life cycle  
• Understand the scope of physical, psychological, and social changes that occur in late life  
• Identify gaps and barriers in the service delivery system for older adults  
• Understand laws and public policies related to older adults (e.g., elder abuse reporting, legal guardianship, advance directives)

2. Skills
• Incorporate concepts and theories of aging with social work perspectives in practice with older adults  
• Respect and promote the older adult's right to dignity and self-determination  
• Identify best practices and available research to improve practice and program outcomes

3. Values
• Assess and address one's own values and biases regarding aging  
• Respect and address diversity and cultural values and beliefs of older adults and their families  
• Understand the perspectives and values of other disciplines when working with older adults and their families

The Massachusetts Council for Home Care Aide Services, Inc. and Boston University will sponsor a kick-off event on June 8, 2010 at 1:30pm at the Waltham offices of Jewish Family and Children’s Services. During this time, staff from Boston University will provide instructions on how to utilize the learning management system and take courses on line. This information is also available on the IGSW website, www.bu.edu/igsw.

Registration for the online training program will be handled by the Massachusetts Council for Home Care Aide Services, Inc. To register, complete the attached participant enrollment form and fax to 617-227—1190 or email to lgurgone@mahomecareaides.com.

IGSW provides technology assistance with questions about software and other technical issues at techsupport@igsw.org or www.bu.edu/igsw/education/online/faqs.html M-F, 9-5 EST

Materials and course contact belong to IGSW and cannot be used for any other purposes than online training. Course completion cannot be transferred to another training participant.

For more information about the program visit the website at www.bu.edu/igsw.
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Participant Enrollment Form

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Title: ___________________________________________________________

Agency: __________________________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________

Additional Training Participants from Agency (If Applicable):

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________ Email: ______________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________ Email: ______________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________ Email: ______________________

Number of Participants Attending June 8th Kickoff Event: _____________

Please fax completed registration forms to the MA Council for Home Care Services at 617-227-1190 or email to lgurgone@mahomecareaides.com
DIRECTIONS TO THE WALTHAM HEADQUARTERS OF
JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES
1430 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451

781-647-5327

You can also find these directions online with a detailed map at:
http://www.jfcsboston.org/about/map_waltham.pdf

**From the North or South:** Take Exit 26 off Route 128 (I-95). Follow signs for Route 20 East. Go straight through the first set of lights and position your vehicle in the left lane. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Stow Street. At the end of Stow Street, turn left onto Route 117 West. Jewish Family and Children’s Service is located 2/10 of a mile on your left.

**From the West:** Take the Mass Pike (I-90) East to Exit 14 (I-95 North) and follow the directions above.

**From the East:** Take the Mass Pike (I-90) West to Exit 14 (I-95 North) and follow the directions above.