



# PAID DINING ASSISTANT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM

**AVAILABLE NOW ON-DEMAND!**

**FEE: \$79 per person**

**N**JHA is pleased to offer this on-demand train-the-trainer program which is required for nursing homes that plan to have a paid dining assistant program. Each nursing home's primary Registered Nurse trainer must complete this program before they can conduct education for individuals to become paid dining assistants. This module, tailored for the primary instructors, will prepare them to successfully implement a paid dining assistant program. The primary instructor must be a Registered Nurse with previous long-term care experience and a current New Jersey license. Ideally, the curriculum would be taught with other team members such as a registered dietitian, licensed physical, speech, and/or occupational therapist, and/or a licensed social worker.

The N.J. Department of Health approved a paid dining assistant curriculum for use by nursing homes in 2018. A clinical team made up of members from NJHA, Health Care Association of New Jersey and LeadingAge NJ designed the curriculum for the implementation of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Federal Tag F-811 and 42 CFR 432.160 related to the use of paid dining assistants in nursing homes. The federal regulations give each state the flexibility to allow nursing homes to use dining assistants to supplement the services of nursing staff if their use is consistent with state law, and if the dining assistants successfully complete a state-approved training program.

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