

# *AALNA Chapter Building Philosophy*

## **American Assisted Living Nurses Association State Chapters**

Thank you for your support in the development of AALNA state chapters. Nurses, operators and especially residents will benefit from the collegial networking of local nurses. When assisted living nurses come together for collaboration, support and professional development, the outcome is positive.

### **Benefits of Chapterhood for Nurses**

- Collegial exchange of current nursing best practices information
- Educational offerings/CEUs (i.e., contact hours)
- Improved information exchange on current state specific regulatory requirements and practical methods for compliance
- Sharing of new products and services appropriate to AL practice

### **Benefits for Providers**

- Improved nurse morale and retention because of decreased isolation
- Improved risk management through better practice knowledge
- Shared cost-effective learning opportunities
- Access to innovative nursing practice information

### **What will a State Chapter do?**

The state chapters will allow nurses to get together both formally and informally at regional levels. The state chapters will also facilitate information exchange. Once a state chapter is formed, AALNA will develop a special page on its national website for easy access to information and supportive materials.

AALNA will disseminate state affiliate information for members only. Additionally state affiliates will be encouraged to submit timely information to the Assisted Living Nurses Report, the official journal of AALNA.

The NCAL state affiliate meetings provide a superb opportunity for nurses to network and learn together.

There is no national mandate for Chapter meeting frequency or size. Some nurses may arrange something as simple as a brown bag lunch get-together once a month, while others, once established, may wish to conduct annual state meetings with speakers on diverse topics (e.g., state regulatory information and industry updates) and provide CEUs/contact hours.



Promoting  
successful nursing  
practice in assisted living  
benefiting nurses  
and residents

## **MISSION:**

1. To promote effective nursing practices in assisted living such that nurses as well as residents benefit.

## **VISION:**

1. Assisted living nurses practice within a holistic framework that can maximize and maintain the older adult's well-being and pursuit of quality of life.
2. The American Assisted Living Nurses Association will be recognized as a specialty practice nursing organization.

## **PURPOSES OF AALNA:**

1. To promote an active interest in assisted living nursing practice among professional and paraprofessional schools educating the present and future healthcare workforce.
2. To promote professional growth through education, research, and participation in public policy forums.
3. To improve information dissemination on current state-specific regulatory requirements and cost-effective methods for exemplary compliance.
4. To share evidence-based best practices and other insights with assisted living nurses and the public.
5. To provide access to a nation-wide network of assisted living nurses.
6. To develop and maintain credentials for specialty practice that includes a certification examination.

