

# "ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING"

Creating an experience, they won't forget!

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# One word to describe your day!



#### Do you offer your volunteer training online?

Yes

No

In the planning stages...

Thinking about it...

None of the above



#### What platforms are you using for your online training?





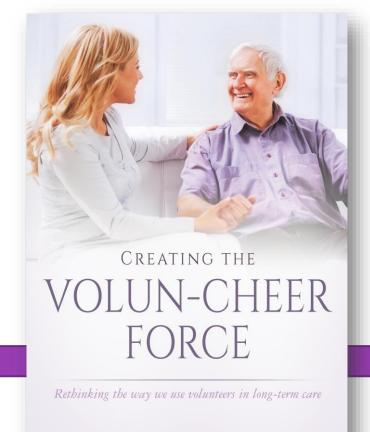






## A brief introduction





A MUST READ FOR PEOPLE WHO OPERATE NURSING HOMES

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### A brief introduction





- What is "immediacy" and how it is created in online training
- Designing and launching training modules that promote learning and retention
- Activities appropriate and effective for the online environment
- Creating and documenting meaningful learning assessments

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## Training with Impact! Think about a training session that you really liked. Why did you like it?

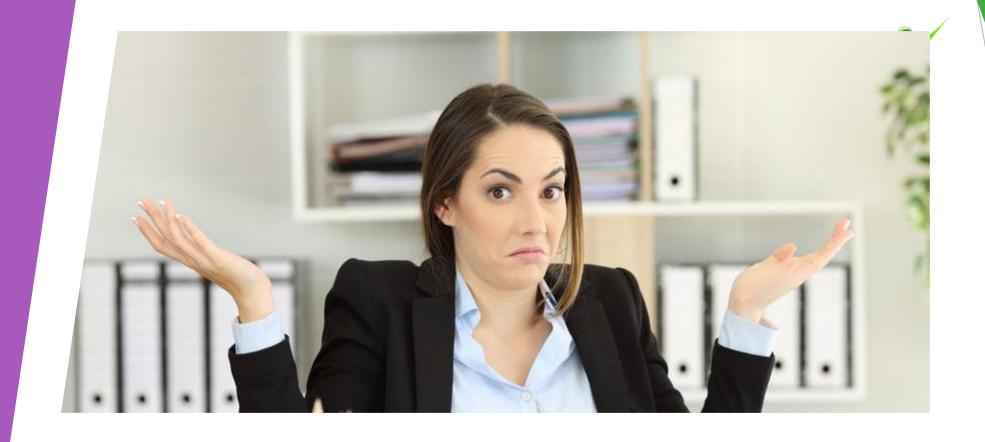




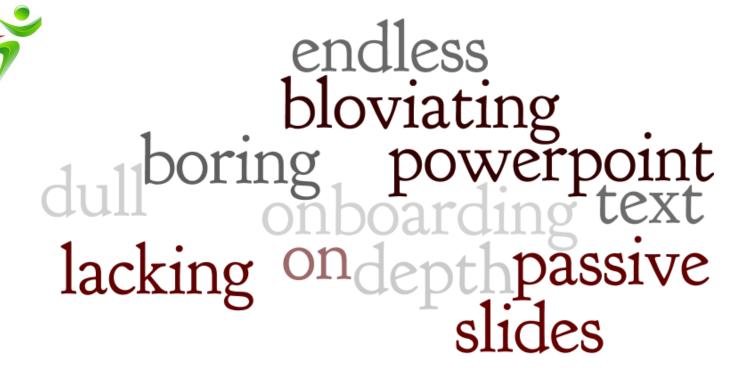


# WHY IS CREATING "IMMEDIACY"

**IMPORTANT?** 



How do you create "immediacy" in the online environment?





# Training is NOT...



## Training is...

Active Discussion Positive Leamwork Questions
Engaging
Roleplay
Practice
Feedback



CREATING ONLINE "IMMEDIACY"

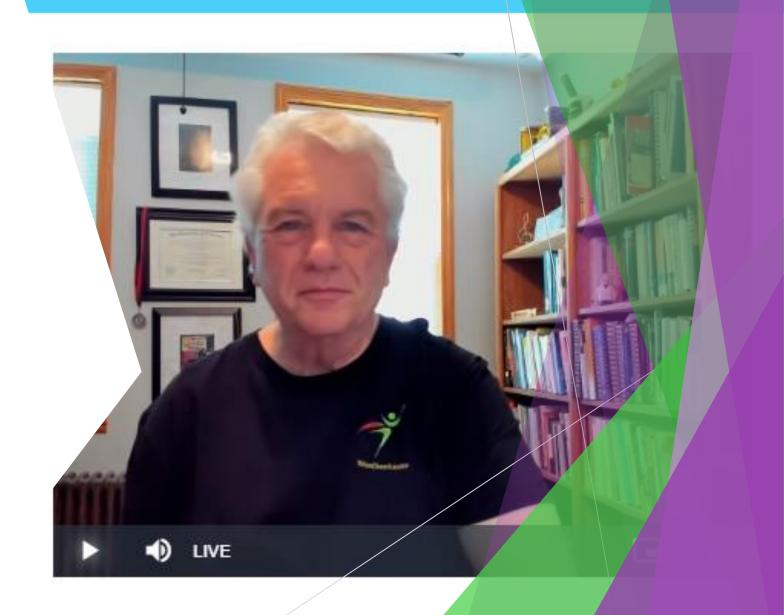


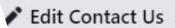
## Creating "Immediacy"

- Be available!
  - 24 hours during the week
  - 48 hours on weekends



### Use video!

















### **GIVE YOUR VOLUNTEERS** THEIR OWN PAGE!



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Joy Rich Shares Her Experience as a Volunteer Join me and Joy Rich. Joy became a nursing home volunteer



TWO HEADS
ARE BETTER
THAN ONE!



#### HOW ARE WE DOING?



| Sense of Community                              | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly<br>Disagree |
|---|----------------|-------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| I felt excited about the training               | <b>/</b>       |       |         |          |                      |
| There is not much interaction with the trainer  |                |       |         |          |                      |
| I felt the training was learner-<br>centered    |                |       |         |          |                      |
| I feel there is no sense of group identity      |                |       |         |          |                      |
| I do feel connected to other volunteer trainees |                |       |         |          |                      |
| I do not feel connected to the trainer          |                |       |         |          |                      |
| I do not feel a spirit of community             |                |       |         |          |                      |
| I feel isolated in this environment             |                |       |         | <b>/</b> |                      |





# CREATIVE THINKING!

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#### **Questions?**





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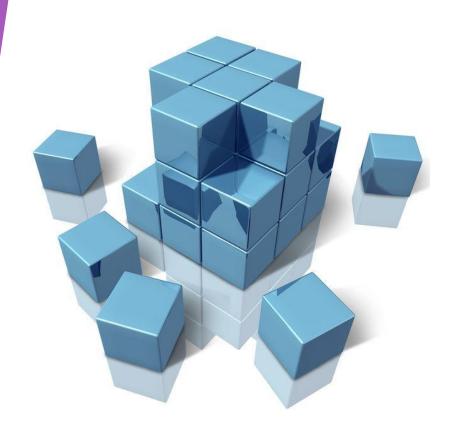
#### Have you designed online training?

Yes

No







# THINK MODULES...



Identifying negative stereotypes and images

Interpersonal skills

(creating "authentic" relationships)

Verbal & Nonverbal communication techniques

Recognizing changes in residents that are inconsistent with their normal behavior

Appropriate responses to resident behaviors

Accountability - appropriate dress, logging hours/documenting visits, having to miss visits.

HIPAA/Safety/Infection control/wheel-chair technique

#### Suggested training topics Snagested training topics



### Designing a Module

#### **Learning Assessment**

- Develop a means to measure trainee learning
  - o Quiz
  - Reflection
  - Short essay questions
    - "What are you taking with you from this module?"
    - What changes will you make in your approach to older adults?
    - What did you find surprising?
  - Demonstrate mastery of a skill
- Document the trainee's responses to be kept on file

#### Practice

- Know that you have the information let's:
  - o Practice the new skill
  - Role plays
  - Case study
  - Games
  - Movement activities (get people standing & moving)
  - Group discussions or on-the-spot skits
  - Question cards
  - Your ideas!
- Rationale for chosen activity

#### Discovery

- Introduce the topic to the group
- Develop an opening activity related to the topic to generate buy-in from the group
  - Small group discussions
  - Role playing
  - Case study
  - o Pop quiz
  - o Physical movement activities
  - o Games
  - o Your idea!
- · Rationale for the opening activity

#### Information

- Interactive Lecture
  - Inject your own stories relevant to the topic
  - Use flip charts, handouts, demonstrations
  - Pose questions to the trainees during the teaching
  - Aim for 15 20 minutes max!
  - Use PowerPoint if necessary
    - Use lots of images, charts
    - Keep text to a minimum on slides
    - Do NOT read your slides to the group
  - Incorporate video examples
- Rationale for chosen method

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# LET'S TAKE A TOUR...



#### **Designing Modules - Questions?**





## ASSESSING LEARNING

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZZES -

Assessing learning or skill at guessing?





Is there anything good about multiple-choice tests?

- Quick and easy scoring
- Can be randomized
- Good for item analysis
- Good for testing memorized facts

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## What is bad about multiple-choice tests?

- You may be testing how well your volunteers can guess
- They are easy to cheat on (not that your volunteers would do that)
- For people who suffer text anxiety it only exacerbate their anxiety
- They don't represent real-life

## Be creative when designing multiple choice questions!



- Most platforms provide several styles of questions
  - ✓ Short \_\_\_\_\_ (answer)
  - Matching (one of my favorites)
  - Ranking (another favorite)
  - ✓ Using images instead of words: "Which image best represents the correct response?"

#### Alternatives to multiple-choice...





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#### Essay questions

 Great for demonstrating critical thinking and depth of knowledge

#### Discussion boards with peer reviews

Allows for interaction among trainees as they address a question, scenario, case study.

#### Group projects

- Creates synergy among volunteers
- Affords them the opportunity to tackle problems as a team





Ask yourself...

"What do our volunteers need to know and how will I know that they know what I need them to know?"





#### Your questions and comments...

## What is the most important thing you learned today? What is the "Headline" for you?



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