“Improving mental health in residential aged care facilities through staff training and resident’s interventions”

Presented by
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DATE 16th November 2009 (Monday)
TIME 6.30 pm Start – 8.00 pm (refreshments from 6pm)
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About the Seminar
Admission to a nursing home is a major life event for the future resident and their family.
Research shows that the quality of such transitions can be linked to staff’s knowledge of the mental and physical conditions encountered in nursing homes, as well as their ability to form productive alliances with the resident and their family.
Francesca presents a study she carried out in 2009 to develop an assessment, treatment and education program for staff in residential aged care facilities, and will demonstrate how the process can be replicated and sustained across aged care services.
The study confirms a significant improvement in levels of staff knowledge and confidence in dealing with depression since training, and an equally significant improvement in residents’ experience.

About the presenter
Franceska Jordan AM has been working in the area of health and mental health for the past 30 years as a social work clinician, educationist, planner, administrator, advocate, researcher and trainer. Ms Jordan has
- conducted research into the needs of people with mental illness and dementia, their family carers and professional service providers
- provided numerous consultancy services to Australian and international bodies
- held executive roles in government and the health care sector
- completed in 2009 a research project on ‘improving mental health’. This project has developed an assessment, treatment and education program for staff in residential aged care facilities and community care. It has been conducted in collaboration with Deakin University School of Psychology and the beyondblue aged care depression training program and GPpartners Brisbane.
In 1998 Franceska Jordan was awarded the Australian Medal – AM - in the Order of Australia Awards for her dedicated work with the aged, in Alzheimer’s disease and dementia and community care. Franceska is an accredited mental health social worker
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