Keeping Up With Care

Kansas Experience
KABC's Annual Caregiver Training and Membership Meeting

Kansas Advocates for Better Care hosted our Annual Caregiver Training and Membership Meeting at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department to an enthusiastic crowd on September 9th, 2022. Caroline Dawson, LSCSW, from AgeWise Advocacy and Consulting, presented on the following questions and topics: What are the long-term care options? How do we decide which is the best fit? and How can I have open conversations with my loved one about long-term care? We are incredibly thankful for everyone who attended and for our speaker, Caroline, for her informative and engaging presentation.

Our next event is Stand By Me - KABC's annual fundraiser - at Maceli's Banquet Hall on October 9th from 2:00- 4:30 PM.

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Community Events
Upcoming Webinar: Dealing Holistically with Dementia in an Elder Law Office!

On Tuesday October 18th from 12:00-1:00 PM CST, Clinkscale Elder Law Practice is hosting a workshop entitled 'Dealing Holistically with Dementia in an Elder Law Office'. They will go over essential topics like how to communicate and protect the client with dementia, how to treat them with respect and carry out their wishes, caring for the caregiver, and how to create valid legal documents for that person.

Register Here

Upcoming Events

Stand By Me 2022

KABC's Annual Fundraising event is coming soon!

Sunday, October 9
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Maceli’s Banquet Hall
1031 New Hampshire St, Lawrence, KS 66044

To RSVP:
https://givebutter.com/standbyme2022
or
Email: info@kabc.org
Call: 785-842-3088

Learn how you can sponsor Stand by Me
Advocacy in Action

KABC presents testimony for Robert Bethell Joint Committee on HCBS and KanCare Oversight

Executive Director Dan Goodman had the opportunity to present KABC’s written and verbal testimony for the Robert Bethell Joint Committee on HCBS (Home and Community Based Service) and KanCare Oversight on September 26, 2022.

KABC’s suggestions included:

1) Committee support of Charlie's Bill including adequate funding to support administrative costs associated with the passage of Charlie’s Bill (formerly HB2004).

2) To re-establish or expand independent case management services to the Frail Elderly, Physically Disabled and Brain Injury waiver populations.

3) Committee support for legislation that would require written informed consent before administering an antipsychotic medication to an adult care home resident.

In addition, KABC supports the additional request made by The Alzheimer’s Association for a Dementia Services Coordinator.

Read the full testimony: KABC Testimony at Bethell Committee Sept, 2022

Resources

Examining Long-Term Care in America: The Impact Of The Coronavirus In Nursing Homes
On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hybrid hearing on the impact of the coronavirus in our nation’s nursing homes. Witnesses included nursing home experts, an advocate, and a frontline worker who testified to the challenges that the coronavirus pandemic has posed to nursing home residents and staff and what measures can be adopted to ensure nursing homes are better equipped to protect residents and staff in the future.

To read more and watch the hearing: 
Examing Long-Term Care In America: The Impact Of The Coronavirus In Nursing Homes

Upcoming Webinar: What Does Good Care Look Like for People Living with Dementia?

On Tuesday, October 18 at 12pm CT the Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC) is hosting a FREE webinar, "What Does Good Care Look Like for People Living with Dementia?" In the program, Dr. Jonathan Evans (geriatrician and dementia care expert) provides examples of good (and bad) dementia care and discusses quality care practices to support vulnerable nursing home residents.

Nearly half of nursing home residents are living with Alzheimer's or other dementias. How can we assure that these residents are attaining and maintaining their highest practicable physical, emotional, and psychosocial well-being, as required by federal law?

Register for LTCCC's October 18th Webinar

New Bill Introduced to Improve Disclosure of Nursing Home Medical Directors

The House on Thursday, September 15th, introduced a bipartisan bill that would require nursing homes to report their medical directors' credentials and background to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

The Nursing Home Disclosure Act, HR8832, would require Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to publish the medical directors' information on the Care Compare online tool. This proposed legislation would ensure facilities are held accountable for hiring qualified medical directors and to help consumers make more informed long-term care choices. HR8832 is sponsored by Reps. Mike Levin (D-CA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA).

To read more: 
Reps. Mike Levin and Brian Fitzpatrick Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Improve Public Disclosure of Nursing Home Medical Directors

Help support the legislation that would require written informed consent before administering an anti-psychotic medication to any adult care home resident!

Kansas continues to be a poor performing State regarding the high frequency administration of anti-psychotic drugs. KABC continues to be concerned about the high frequency and potential for misuse of these drugs which result in premature death, stroke, falls, infections, and confusion.

To read more: 
InforMed Consent
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Lawrence, KS 66049

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KABC is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to improve long-term care for older adults in Kansas. Our mission is achieved through public policy advocacy, trainings and education, and by providing guidance & support to older adults and their families who need help with long-term care issues.

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