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M•E•R•I•T
Model Enrichment Resource & Integrity Tool

**Staff
Assessment**



Data Matters!

Get Ready...MERIT is Launching August 3

Now, more than ever, DATA MATTERS! The country is looking at long term care and there has been a lot of focus on Green House homes in particular (**and the press has been overwhelming positive about our model**). We must continue to be vigilant in living out the core values while ensuring safety, quality, and good infection control practices. Knowing how COVID has impacted living out the core values is valuable information for all of us. Without judgment – understanding the impact of COVID on daily operations will help us learn from one another and create targeted resources to support quality care and quality life in Green House homes.

This is the LARGEST DATA GRAB of direct care workers in long term care!

Since 2015 there have been over 5700 assessments taken with 3300 of them being Shahbazim. This staff assessment exemplifies how we EMPOWER STAFF by giving them a voice in how the model is lived out. AND don't forget MERIT is mobile friendly!

Easy access to the survey through your phone!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR DETAILS AT YOUR GREEN HOUSE HOMES!

REGISTER Now! LinkedUP Virtual Town Hall Tuesday, August 18 3 pm ET



Join us for a gathering of Green House Partners and supporters for a virtual town hall to get the latest from Green House and share stories of gratitude and strength. Most of all, we want to hear from you—the Green House adopters, about what you need to continue moving forward in this difficult time.

[**CLICK Here to Register**](#)

COVID-19 ECHO - First Session a Big Success!



The first COVID ECHO launched on July 15 with more than 175 participants logging in to the session.

Dr. Al Power and Eric Riguerra, DON, Jewish Home Family shared insights and factors for reopening nursing homes.

If you missed it...you can watch a recording and register for upcoming sessions [HERE](#).



This ECHO program is intended to identify and share best practices that are meant to spur impactful and timely changes that will mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on this extremely vulnerable population. This initiative is being funded by the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#).

Upcoming Webinars:

COVID-19 ECHO Series
[Click here to register](#)

8/6/2020
Senior Housing Design &
COVID-19
[Click here to register](#)

**Recorded
Webinars You
May Have
Missed!**

Green House Podcast Launch July 29

Are you someone that enjoys podcasts? Join Susan Ryan, senior director of The Green House Project, each Wednesday beginning July 29 for enlightening, provocative, and sometimes

[Workforce Wellness & Stress](#)

[How to Appreciate CNA's Lori Porter Tells It Like It Is](#)

[Shahbazim Appreciation Happy Hour](#)

[Person-Centered Care & COVID-19: Key Concepts in Prevention and Management](#)

[Workforce Recruitment and Retention in a COVID Era](#)

[Caregiver Stress Amid COVID: The Skillset and Mindset of Resilience in the Workplace](#)

[Engagement & Meaningful Life in a Time of Physical Distancing Dementia and COVID-19: How to Help People Living with Cognitive Changes](#)

[Infection Control Strategies that Mitigate Risk in a COVID Era](#)

[Grief, Loss, and Trauma Amid COVID 19- Caring for Staff and Elders](#)

[Elevate Rise Above the Chaos series: Lessons Learned on the Frontlines of COVID-19](#)

uncomfortable conversations with thought leaders who offer diverse perspectives aimed at elevating eldercare. Listen in to some great conversations with Susan and her guests, many who will be familiar Green House voices, explore eldercare through the lens of the Green House model. Friday's, "Let Me Say This About That" show is a bite-sized, rapid-fire recap episode with how to take action tips.



Share our new podcast with friends! It's another way of spreading the good news of the Green House model!



Congratulations! SunPorch of Smith County in Kansas

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the drawing for a pizza party was **SunPorch**. They were one of many Green House homes that submitted pictures, words and stories for our celebration of Shahbazim during the national CNA week in June.

We thank all those who participated and we hope the team and elders at SunPorch have a great celebration!

In The Media

[OPINION: It's Time to Defund Nursing Homes](#)

[Nursing Home Remains COVID Free](#)

[Amid Deadly Virus, Advocates Push for Nursing Home Alternatives](#)

[During COVID-19, 'Green House' Format Proves Vital for this St. Louis Nursing Home](#)

**Calling All Guides and Educators!
We need your insight!**

Based on your feedback we are currently developing a virtual education program for Green House Guides and we need to know what are the most critical elements to include?
How can we equip Guides to be successful?



Please share:

- What are the top five things Guides need to know to be successful?
- What skills should they possess?
- What are the challenges?

Send your comments to:

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A Special Story to Honor Shahbazim and CNA's

During National CNA Week in late June, we asked Corey Rotella (*writer and CNA*) to record her experience caring for people amid the pandemic.



[Click here for an excerpt of her story and a link to the video](#)

We Want Your Stories

Join us on Facebook for stories of impact, connection, and heroism amid the pandemic.



We are grateful for the ways in which your dedication is making a difference for the elders in your communities. We know there are amazing stories happening every day, and we would love to hear the stories and the successes amid the turbulence.

Let us know if you post it on Facebook or send you stories to:
jwright@thegreenhouseproject.org

Have you been searching for a way to connect?

**Get signed up in a LinkedUp group:
Monthly group phone calls to
Learn/Share/Network**

Activity Group - 4th Monday 3pm – 4pm ET
To sign up email: Email: clucas@thegreenhouseproject.org

Guides, Nurses & Educators – 4th Friday 12pm – 12:45pm ET
To Sign up email: cdumond-stryker@thegreenhouseproject.org

Sages – 3rd Tuesday 12pm – 1pm ET (every other month)
(Are You a new Sage? Email: clucas@thegreenhouseproject.org)

