

IS **YOUR** LONG-TERM CARE ORGANIZATION READY FOR

NICHETM

NURSES IMPROVING CARE FOR HEALTHSYSTEM ELDERS

This list is designed as a guide to help you determine if your long-term care organization is ready to implement NICHE. If you check at least four of the boxes below, then NICHE could be for you!

- Would your nursing staff, including CNAs, LPNs, and RNs, benefit from educational programs that enhance their knowledge of caring for older adults?
- Do quality measure, quality reporting program, and/or healthcare policy trends indicate a need for changing the way your organization provides care to older adults?
- Would your organization welcome a nurse-led initiative to promote evidence-based care to older adults?
- Does your organization have a vision or goal to provide exemplary care for older adults?
- Is your organization receptive to collaborating with nurses who are experts in the care of older adults and quality improvement?
- Does your organization have current staff who possess the leadership skills to move a NICHE initiative forward?
- Is your organization willing to undergo a period of self-assessment that will lead to specific quality improvement plans related to geriatric care?
- Can you generate support among a critical number (3 - 4) nursing staff for improving geriatric care?
- Are your organization's senior managers and leaders willing to dedicate resources, including time and staff, needed to carry out changes necessary to improve care for older adults?
- Do you have a nurse leader who can help organize and deliver continuing education programs?