

## **2021 Provides Nursing Home Teams with Additional Opportunities to Enroll in NICHE**

Recognizing the extraordinarily difficult year that nursing home teams faced in 2020, [Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders \(NICHE\)](#) is pleased to offer additional opportunities to participate in the NICHE Washington State Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) project in 2021. The NICHE faculty applauds your hard work and resilience as you continue to address COVID-19. We are eager to help nursing home teams continue to improve quality and resident outcomes.

NICHE will provide nurses and certified nursing assistants in 30 nursing homes in Washington State with specialized education and clinical leadership development training to implement evidence-based clinical practices to improve the care of older adults. You can [read more about the grant here](#). Grant-participating nursing homes receive NICHE membership, including access to NICHE's extensive catalog of educational and practice change resources and implementation support, **at no cost through 2022**. For more information about the grant, please [view the previously recorded informational webinar](#).

In July 2020, 10 nursing homes began NICHE membership through the grant. NICHE, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, **plans to enroll 20 additional nursing home teams in 2021**. Nursing home teams can choose to begin their NICHE membership with the Leadership Training Program beginning on February 18, 2021 or June 23, 2021.

If you determine that you and your team are ready to commit to participating in the project, please use the copy of the [grant application](#) to collect all the necessary data and then enter the data in the [NICHE CMP Grant Online Application](#) as soon as possible.

- To participate in the cohort beginning on **February 18, 2021**, please complete the application no later than **February 1, 2021**.
- To participate in the cohort beginning on **June 23, 2021**, please complete the application no later than **June 4, 2021**.

If you have any questions about the project or the application process, please contact NICHE Support at [support@nicheprogram.org](mailto:support@nicheprogram.org) or 212-998-5596.