What is the program

A program designed to educate and prepare staff to provide better care for people with Parkinson's disease (PD) who are living in senior care communities or utilizing home care agencies across the country.

Benefits to joining the program

The program provides a full curriculum of Parkinson's education through virtual and in-person trainings. Utilizing the train-the-trainer model, the membership program educates two or more site champions at each location and provides the necessary tools to educate at least 70% of the staff at their site. The program, formerly known as the Struthers Parkinson's Care Network, funded by the Edmond J. Safra Foundation, has continued to expand and now includes more than 100 member sites across North America.

Cost to join program*

Membership for home care agencies: $1,500 *(annual fee)*

Membership for senior care communities: $2,750 (*annual fee*)

*Care communities serving underserved communities should reach out to us to discuss possible discounted rates as from time to time, sponsors will cover these costs.

Steps to join the Program as NEW members

1. Complete *new member* application (**www.parkinson.org/communitypartners**)
2. Application is reviewed for acceptance
3. Agreement and Invoice are sent for completion and payment (this triggers the membership cohort, Q1, Q2, Q3, or Q4)
4. Once payment is received, site champions are invited to the virtual training with program details and given access to the online modules
5. Two site champions participate in the training
6. After training, site champions return to work and share materials with colleagues, they (the administrator) work with staff to ensure 70% or more of clinical staff have completed the online modules
7. Once 70% threshold is met and confirmed, member is recognized as part of the program and may advertise their membership

Current members who wish to train new or additional site champions

1. Complete *current member* application (**www.parkinson.org/communitypartners**)
2. Application is reviewed for acceptance
3. Person(s) is/are invited to next quarterly training

Program Training and Reporting Calendar for Members in 2023

Site Champion Trainings (available quarterly)	Training threshold	Triannual ALL staff webinars (live and recorded)	Discipline specific training webinars (pre-recorded)	Reporting Requirements
What is this? Two-day virtual training for two site champions at location. ***Day 1:*** *three 2-hours virtual training sessions* ***Day 2:*** *two 2-hour virtual training sessions* **Required to become a member.**	**What is this?** 70% of direct care staff to be trained with provided curriculum. **Required to maintain membership.**	**What is this?** Live inter-professional educational webinars offered to all staff at all sites via Zoom and archived until the next webinar date. **Strongly encouraged but not required.**	**What is this?** Pre-taped discipline specific webinars offered to all staff at all sites. Hosted on the Learning Lab. **Strongly encouraged but not required.**	**What is this?** Reporting requirements from members, two different reports filed digitally twice annually. **Required to maintain membership.**
WHEN?	**WHEN?**	**WHEN?**	**WHEN?**	**WHEN?**
February Wed, Feb 15 & Thurs, Feb 16 Application deadline: February 1st **June** Tues, June 6 & Wed, June 7 Application deadline: May 16th **September** Wed, Sept 13 & Thurs, Sept 14 Application deadline: August 22nd **November** Tues, Nov 13 & Wed, Nov 14 Application deadline: October 23rd	Completion of training by 70% of staff within six months of membership and maintained if staff leave the site.	**March 22nd, 2023** Addressing Challenging Behaviors **August 16th, 2023** How to Market that You are a Community Partner **November 1st, 2023** Addressing Eating and Swallowing Issues	**November** *Given 30 days to complete viewing* **Offered to:** RN, SW, PT, OT, SLP, activity professionals, fitness professionals	**Client surveys** Distributed: > May 1st > November 1st **Semi-annual reports and medication audits*** Due: > June 30th > December 31st **Medication audits required by senior communities only*

April is **Parkinson's Awareness Month**! Plan your celebration with clients and staff. Order educational materials from Parkinson's Foundation, host a pre-taped webinar with an expert to take questions, or hold an exercise class for the community highlighting the importance of exercise.

Learn more at **www.parkinson.org/communitypartners**
For questions information, please email **CommunityPartners@Parkinson.org**.

For free continuing education course on Parkinson's, visit: **https://education.parkinson.org**