# Caregiver Orientation: Setting Your Caregivers Up for Success





### **Learning Objectives**

After today's session, learners will be able to:

- Explain why training is an investment
- Describe the role a manager plays in the learner's transfer of training and how it applies to orientation
- Identify best practices for orientation
- Create an action plan for your orientation





# Training is an Investment

#### **Investment Value**





Hours of onboarding training

Hours of ongoing training

Your agency's increased revenue per caregiver

HCP Data <a href="https://www.homecarepulse.com/articles/6-easy-techniques-that-will-motivate-your-caregivers-to-finish-their-training/">https://www.homecarepulse.com/articles/6-easy-techniques-that-will-motivate-your-caregivers-to-finish-their-training/</a>

#### Your First 30 Days on a Job



Think about the last time you started a new job.

How did you feel on your first day?

# **Transfer of Training**



Role	Before	During	After
Learner's Manager			
Trainer			
Learner			

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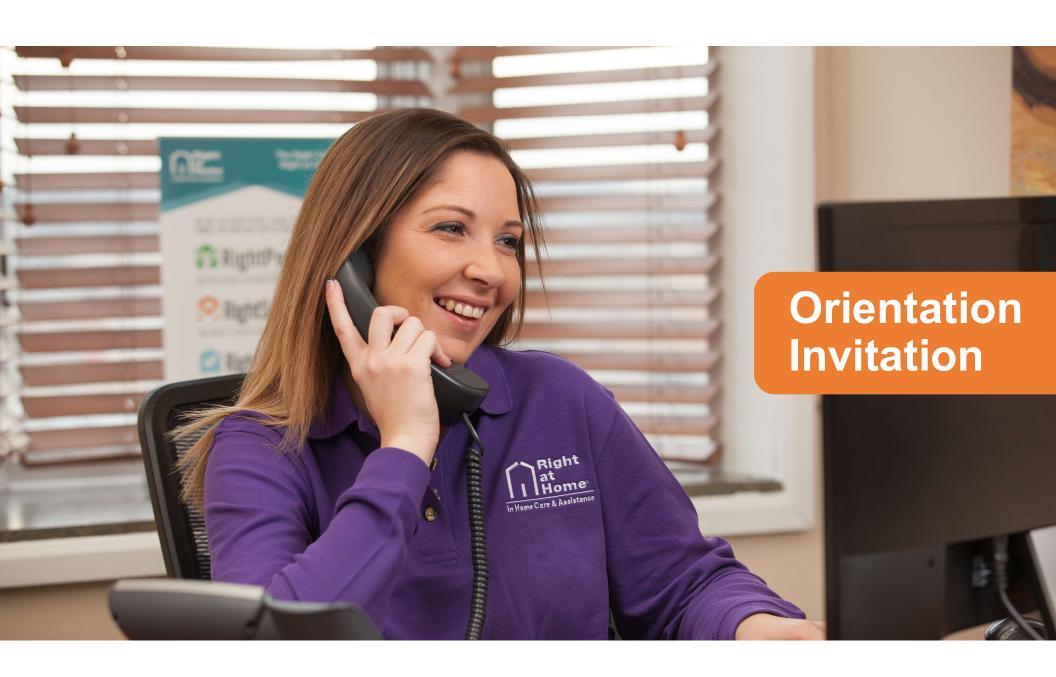
# **Transfer of Training**



Role	Before	During	After
Learner's Manager	1 Convey the value of training to learner	8 Create a climate that supports the learning	3 Reinforce training concepts and skills
Trainer	2 Relate training to the learner's needs	4 Create a climate conducive to learning	9 As appropriate, follow up with support and refreshers
Learner	7 Prepare to benefit from training as an opportunity to improve	5 Create a climate conducive to learning	6 Commit to use the training and seek help as needed

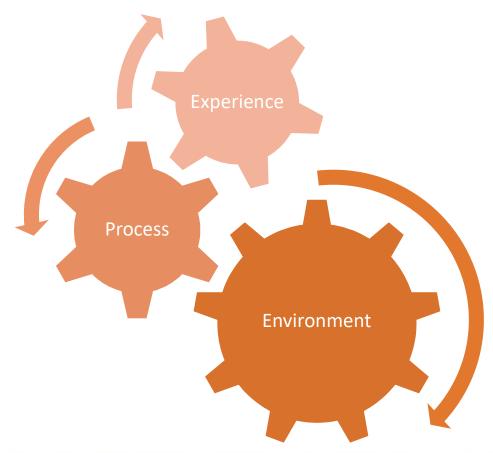
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# **Orientation Components**





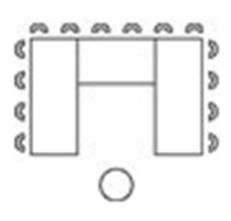
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- Beverages
- Greeting/Welcome
- Office "vibe"
- Training space

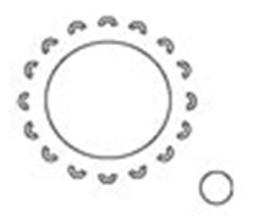


# **Room Set-Up**









#### Experience



- Culture
- How to be a caregiver
- Job expectations
- Relationship building
- Rewards and Recognition



#### **Process**



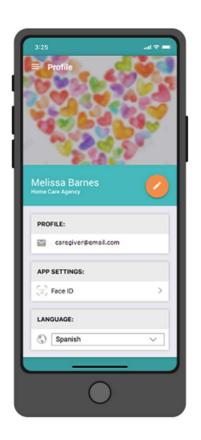


- Employee Handbook
- Infection Control
- Safety
- Skills evaluation
- Standards
- State specific test/requirements
- Technology (ClearCare/RAHU)

# **Balancing Process & Experience**











#### **Orientation Reflection**



<b>Environment</b>	<b>Experience</b>	<u>Process</u>

#### **Skill Evaluation**

- Written and Return Demonstration
- Verify new caregivers are up to date on their certification skills
- Identify areas of opportunity for training if needed
- Confidently send caregivers into client's homes





#### **Best Practice Orientation Agenda**



- 1. Introduction & Welcome
- 2. Employee Conduct Expectations
- 3. Office Operations
- 4. Infection Control & Bloodborne Pathogens
- 5. Lunch Break
- 6. Basic Nutrition & Hydration\*

- 7. Practical Tips for Homecare Workers
- 8. Skill Evaluation
- 9. Name Tag & Orientation Checklist
- 10. State Required Courses\*
- 11. HHA/PCA Test if Required by Licensure

\*HCP Training





#### HCP Training platform + Classroom learning

- Facilitator utilizes HCP training modules for learning in the classroom
  - Marks completed for each individual within the platform
  - Online version OR
  - PDF version (includes handouts) for some topics on The Hub
- Caregivers complete assigned modules on tablets or laptops

#### What else?

- Employment paperwork
- State/certification requirements
- Schedule availability
- Retention profile ("get to know you")



#### **Best Practice**

Schedule caregiver's first two weeks (training and shifts)

#### **Classroom Tips**



- Ice breakers
- Share information via PowerPoint, posters or whiteboard
- Allow note taking, writing, drawing
- Utilize activities with discussion, movement, etc.
- Allow people to stand if they wish
- Play music in the background as appropriate (i.e. during paperwork)
- Utilize stories for topic reinforcement





# Caregivers are worth it!

Training is an investment.

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