



ARCHCARE RECEIVES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT TO TRAIN LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS

NEW YORK, May 31, 2018 – ArchCare, the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York, has received a three-year grant from the New York State Department of Health that establishes ArchCare as an official state-designated Workforce Investment Organization (WIO). The grant, valued at \$5.5 million in the first year, will enable ArchCare to deliver a wide range of training programs focused on enhancing the skills and increasing employment and advancement opportunities of long-term care workers in New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley.

The grant is part of the health department's Managed Long Term Care Workforce Investment Program, a statewide initiative focused on attracting, recruiting, retraining and retaining healthcare workers to meet the growing demand for long-term care services in New York State. Among other goals, the program seeks to improve access to long-term care in underserved communities, and to support the expansion of home care and other services that allow people to be cared for in the community instead of in institutions.

To distinguish itself from other organizations and further support the goals of the grant, ArchCare is partnering with the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University's Rory Meyers College of Nursing to develop a range of courses for long-term care workers.

The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, which has an international reputation for its work focused on innovation and education to advance geriatric healthcare, will support ArchCare in its efforts to provide online and in-person educational resources to long-term care workers and, together, the two organizations will develop a nurse residency program to strengthen the workforce of people trained to care for older adults.

ArchCare's initial course topics as a state-designated WIO include person-centered care, health literacy, fall prevention, case management, Lean Six Sigma (process improvement), crisis intervention and cultural competency. New courses taught by ArchCare and other experts will be introduced quarterly, including training for certification as a Home Health Aide, Certified Nursing Assistant and Certified Case Manager. Courses will be held at ArchCare facilities and other locations throughout the region, and many will be available on demand through ArchCare's online e-Learning system, so workers can access courses on their own schedules.

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Over the last several years, ArchCare has developed a comprehensive training platform for its more than 4,000 employees as it evolved and grew from a provider of residential nursing home care into a diverse healthcare system that cares for people in their homes, in the community and in its five skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers.

“Sharing our knowledge and experience about our top quality training programs with other healthcare organizations is not just about helping their employees succeed and grow in a constantly changing healthcare marketplace,” said Scott LaRue, ArchCare’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “It’s about ensuring that all New Yorkers who require extra help to stay healthy and live safely have access to the quality long-term care services they need in the homes and communities they love. We are grateful for the opportunity to support the New York State Department of Health’s effort.”

Additional information for employers and long-term care workers on ArchCare’s WIO program, including a course schedule and eligibility details, is available at www.archcare.org/wio.

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About ArchCare

ArchCare is the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York and one of the nation’s largest and most dynamic Catholic healthcare systems. Every day, ArchCare provides quality care to more than 8,000 of people of all faiths throughout the 10-county archdiocese and beyond through its home and community-based and residential care programs, including health plans and nursing home alternatives, adult day care, long-term skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, home care, assisted living, hospice, an acute care specialty hospital and services for people with Huntington’s disease, HIV/AIDS, developmental disabilities and other specialized care needs.