

## **New Jersey State Civil Money Penalty Reimbursement**

**Current Available Funding \$9,090,033**

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### **State Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Projects Funded in Calendar Year (CY) 2023 New Jersey**

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**Project Title:** The It's Never 2 Late (iN2L) New Jersey iNSIGHT Project Extension

**Unique Identifier:** NJ-0323-INL-1088

**Project Duration:** 3/28/23 to 3/27/26

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Approved for this Project:** \$489,701

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Expended During CY 2023 for this Project:** \$266,749.69

**Project Summary (a. Purpose, b. Goals, c. Benefit to nursing homes, d. Target audience beyond nursing home residents, if applicable):**

The project uses virtual computer technology to create meaningful experiences for residents. The project will benefit residents by reducing social isolation and improving their quality of life through virtual computer technology, addressing their life enrichment needs and individual interests, and connecting to their families, friends, caregivers, health professionals, and the world without leaving their homes. The key objectives are to 1) create individual profiles for a minimum of 20% of the residents over three years, populating profiles with topics and items that address their individual needs and interests; 2) increase the participation of residents involved in group activities using engagement technology by 20%; and 3) increase the participation of resident involvement in individualized activities using engagement technology by 20%.

**Funded Entities:** A total of nine (9) participating nursing homes.

**Results of the Project:**

To date, 78% of the participating nursing homes have achieved or exceeded the 20% resident individual profiles, with a total of 370 completed. The second goal of increasing participation in group activities and individualized activities was at 8%. The success stories of how this technology positively impacted their quality of life have been impressive. Eight out of the nine nursing homes exceeded over 100 hours of use per system each quarter.

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**Project Title:** SoaringWords

**Unique Identifier:** NJ-0924-SRW-1213

**Project Duration:** 7/17/24 to 7/16/25

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Approved for this Project:** \$130,000

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Expended During CY 2024 for this Project:** \$70,000

**Project Summary (a. Purpose, b. Goals, c. Benefit to nursing homes, d. Target audience beyond nursing home residents, if applicable):**

a) The purpose of the project is to provide workshops for staff, residents, and families that are high-quality, empirically sound content based on significant positive psychology discoveries.

b) The project will strengthen residents' resilience, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. It will strengthen family members' resilience and wellbeing. It will strengthen resilience, productivity, and empathy in health care professionals and their team members.

c) The project will benefit nursing home residents by increasing their resilience, gratitude, optimism, pride, agency, generativity and hopefulness as well as decreased loneliness, isolation, worry and stagnation. The project will also benefit the nursing home by fortifying the resilience and wellbeing of staff.

d) The other target audience besides nursing home residents and staff are the family members of the residents who are invited to participate in the workshops.

**Funded Entities:**

A total of 26 participating nursing homes.

**Results of the Project:**

To date, more than 766 residents and staff completed workshops. Survey results have shown that the workshops have rendered positive results. The vast majority of workshop participants agreed they enjoyed learning new things; felt closer to their community; enjoyed making SoaringArt; enjoyed recognizing, seeing, and hearing other people; discovered that they have strengths; enjoyed learning new things about optimism; learned that optimism is a choice; found it was good to know that they can experience moments of optimism; enjoyed learning new things about altruism and kindness; learned that small acts of kindness can make a big difference; learned that doing something kind helps the giver as well as the person they help; learned that being kind makes them feel good about themselves and is good for their health; enjoyed learning that they are stronger than they can imagine; learned that setbacks are a natural part of life; enjoyed learning about imagery; learned that imagery can connect them to internal guidance and knowledge within themselves to give them insight, direction and wisdom; learned a new way to practice breathing, which can help them relax and soothe themselves; learned that imagery can help me reduce anxiety and increase hope; enjoyed learning how stories can help them become the hero of their lives; learned that storytelling has a healing impact on their health; learned that creating stories, sharing stories, and reading stories provides a sense of stability when things feel out of control; and learned that they can't choose what happens to them but can choose how they interpret these things.

**Project Title:** SNF Clinic

**Unique Identifier:** NJ-0824-LTCC-1194

**Project Duration:** 8/14/24 to 8/13/27

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Approved for this Project:** \$74,700

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Expended During CY 2024 for this Project:** \$10,375

**Project Summary (a. Purpose, b. Goals, c. Benefit to nursing homes, d. Target audience beyond nursing home residents, if applicable):**

a) The purpose of the project is to address the need in nursing homes for care-focused training and resources.

b) The project will achieve a 30% improvement in quality measures (QM) used by CMS to calculate the QM star rating on the Care Compare website. Also, 50% of the participating nursing homes will have improved QM star ratings.

c) The project will benefit nursing home residents by training staff and providing technical assistance for implementation of quality improvement programs which directly relate to improvements in overall quality of care provided to residents.

d) The project will benefit the nursing home by improving the QM star ratings and providing clinical nursing skills training to staff.

**Funded Entities:**

A total of five (5) participating nursing homes in total; four have implemented; one is pending.

**Results of the Project:**

Of the measures that are available to date, there has been a 44.5% improvement in QM in the four nursing homes. All four of the nursing homes started with a five-star rating, so the rating performance should be maintained at five stars at the end of the project.

**Project Title:** Furry Friends

**Unique Identifier:** NJ-0824-AGI-1190

**Project Duration:** 8/14/24 to 8/13/25

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Approved for this Project:** \$312,865

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Expended During CY 2024 for this Project:** \$268,530

**Project Summary (a. Purpose, b. Goals, c. Benefit to nursing homes, d. Target audience beyond nursing home residents, if applicable):**

a) The specific purpose of this project is to improve the quality of life of nursing home residents and reduce the incidence of depressive symptoms using robotic pets bringing joy, fun, play and comfort.

b) The project will achieve a 20% improvement in the quality of life of nursing home residents living with dementia. It will also reduce the incidence of depressive symptoms by 20%.

c) The project will benefit nursing home residents by using robotic pets to lessen the behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.

d) The nursing home will benefit using non-pharmacological interventions to address the decreased coping skills and negative reactions to environmental stimuli that challenge people undergoing cognitive decline.

**Funded Entities:**

A total of 65 participating nursing homes.

**Results of the Project:**

To date, there has been an average 30.5% increase in the positive emotional status of residents and an average 14.5% decrease in depressive symptoms.

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**Project Title:** Dementia Live

**Unique Identifier:** NJ-1224-GVPC-1247

**Project Duration:** 1/7/25 to 1/6/26

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Approved for this Project:** \$9,916

**Total Amount of CMP Funds Expended During CY 2024 for this Project:** \$0

**Project Summary (a. Purpose, b. Goals, c. Benefit to nursing homes, d. Target audience beyond nursing home residents, if applicable):**

a) The purpose of this project is to enhance the standard of care for current and future residents at Peace Care St. Anne's & Peace Care St. Joseph's who are living with dementia. This will be achieved through the implementation of Dementia Live, an immersive educational initiative designed to simulate cognitive and sensory impairments, offering participants firsthand insight into the challenges of living with dementia. By fostering competence and empathy among care partners, Dementia Live aims to enhance the quality of care provided to individuals living with cognitive impairment.

Dementia Live® goes beyond the customary definition of "Dementia Training" in that it creates an experience that allows caregivers to feel what it is like to live with cognitive and sensory changes. This empathy-cultivating program is fundamental to inspiring change in attitudes and actions of care by empowering learners with new tools for improved communication skills and care practices.

b) The goals are to 1) enhance the standard of care provided to long-term nursing home residents living with dementia at Peace Care St. Anne's & Peace Care St. Joseph's; 2) advance employee knowledge and growing skills to improve care partner interactions; and 3) equip Peace Care St. Anne's & Peace Care St. Joseph's with internal resources to sustain quality dementia training for all stakeholders.

c) A 10% reduction in reported resident stress reactions in MDS E0200A- Physical behavioral symptoms; MDS E0200B- Verbal behavioral symptoms; MDS 0200C- Other behavioral symptoms not directed toward others; MDS E800- Rejection of care.

d) The designated Dementia Live coach training participants will be prepared to conduct the in-house Dementia Live simulation experience for employees, evidenced by a minimum score of 80% on the training competency assessment.

**Funded Entities:**

Peace Care St. Anne's and Peace Care St. Joseph's

**Results of the Project:**

The first quarter of the project was distributing the gear packs and flash cards, identifying project leaders, holding kickoff meetings, creating logins, and begin the training videos.