

The Nursing Home Reform Act (1987) established nationwide resident rights and quality standards for nursing homes. Unfortunately, serious concerns remain about the quality of care and quality of life for nursing home residents. The “Culture Change” movement is now working to radically transform nursing home care and help facilities transition from an institutional to a home-like atmosphere. Resident needs and preferences come first in this environment. Residents eat when they are hungry, and go to bed when they are tired. Nursing aides responsible for day-to-day care are given greater autonomy to meet the individual needs of each resident.

Does this sound like the nursing home where you are currently working? If not, plan now to attend our fall workshop at the Garden Spot Village in New Holland, PA, and see how they have transformed their facility into one that improves the quality of life for their residents. Workshop to be held Thursday, September 24, 2009. Look for further details to follow.