

Brenda Groves



Brenda Groves is a licensed nurse with a wealth of knowledge and experience in dementia, geriatrics, health care quality/risk management and patient and family engagement. Brenda is regularly asked to serve as a subject matter expert at various conferences based on her work and dedicated passion to serve the aging population and those who serve them. Brenda works to improve the quality of life for every person living in a nursing home and she strives to ensure equality and inclusion for all. Brenda is passionate about empowering people to serve with humanity to ensure our elders live a life with purpose.

Brenda currently serves as a Nursing Home Quality Improvement Consultant for KFMC, a local improvement partner for the Health Quality Innovation Network (HQIN). HQIN is funded by the Centers for Medicare and

Medicaid Services (CMS) through the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) program. Brenda joined KFMC Health Improvement Partners in 2011. Her current role is to lead nursing home teams in development and implementation of strategies to achieve transformational change.

Brenda holds national certifications as a Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer and as a Dementia Support Group Facilitator. She has facilitated training seminars across the Nation and was awarded NCCDP Educator of the Year in 2019 for her work in South Dakota. She currently serves as a Vice President of Corporate Training for the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners and operates her own consulting company, New Horizons Dementia, LLC.

In 2018, Brenda was appointed to the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council where she continues to serve on two sub-committees. In early 2021, Brenda assumed the role of Co-Facilitator for the Kansas Partnership to Improve Dementia Care, a subset of the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care. This group of stakeholders are committed to finding new ways to implement practices that enhance the quality of life for people living with dementia, protect them from substandard care and promote person-centered care. The Partnership promotes a multidimensional approach that includes public reporting, state-based coalitions, research, training, and revised surveyor guidance.

She previously served on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Culture Change Coalition and had the opportunity to collaborate with Dr. Bill Thomas and his team to bring the Age of Disruption Tour to Kansas.