Dos & Don’ts

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE FACILITY TOURS

Do

• Familiarize yourself with your Legislator ahead of time (www.legis.state.fl.us) and alert your staff of this special visit.

• Tour the Legislator just as you would a potential new resident. Invite your DON, Activities Director or other staff to help with the tour and to answer questions.

• Greet your staff/residents by name as you walk throughout the facility.

• Bring together your residents so they have an opportunity to get involved and meet the Legislator. Consider hosting a breakfast, lunch or other special activity to make the meeting interactive.

• Get creative. Decorate your dining area in red, white and blue or a holiday theme. Display resident artwork and family thank you notes.

• Don’t use acronyms or medical terminology or assume the Legislator is familiar with long term care.

• Use the Issue Briefs supplied by FHCA to cover key legislative priorities. Give real-life examples of how these issues affect your residents and staff.

• Take and send pictures to FHCA for inclusion in the Pulse (kknapp@fhca.org).

• If your visit doesn’t include a political contribution, consider contacting your local media and inviting them to join you for the legislative visit.

• Send the Legislator a thank you note after the event; include photos. Be sure to offer yourself as a local resource on long term care issues.

Don’t

• Include any political contribution checks in photographs.

• Be argumentative or threatening.

• Assume a Legislator understands long term care issues or remembers meeting you previously.

Questions?

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