



Expanding the World of Possibilities for Aging

## LeadingAge RI Nursing Homes – Leading the Way

LeadingAge RI members include 15 not-for-profit nursing homes around the state. Our members are committed to providing the highest quality and most compassionate care to the people they serve and are an important resource when individuals need short or long-term nursing services. The focus of not-for-profit providers is people—all resources go towards enhancing services and staff, improving facilities, and responding to new community needs—the net result of which is to provide high quality care to our older population and their families.

Not-for-profit nursing homes generally have higher staffing levels—more nurses and licensed professionals to help care for their residents - which is associated with better quality of care. A wide range of academic studies indicate the relationship between staffing and positive outcomes, including high satisfaction rates, improved nutrition, increased probability of discharge home, fewer pressure ulcers, and various other indicators. LeadingAge RI nursing homes in Rhode Island provide very high levels of nursing staff, an average of 4.60 hours per resident per day, which is about 20% higher than the average for the rest of the nursing homes in Rhode Island of 3.76 hours. <sup>1</sup>

Keeping residents safe in nursing homes and avoiding the trauma of being hospitalized is critical to the health and well-being of residents. LeadingAge RI members, on average, had lower rates of hospital 30-day readmissions than other nursing homes, 20% compared to 22.4% for other homes. <sup>2</sup>

The rate of antipsychotic drug use is increasingly seen as a measure of the quality of care a nursing home provides. Nursing homes in RI and around the country are making a concerted effort to reduce the use of these drugs. LeadingAge RI members are leading the way in this effort, reducing the usage rate to 14.4% in 2017, compared to 17.9% for other nursing homes. <sup>3</sup>

LeadingAge RI homes consistently rank high on the annual Nursing Home Resident and Family Satisfaction Surveys. This survey awards three diamonds to homes that exceed the Rhode Island average in satisfaction outcomes. Our 15 homes represent only 17% of the 89 nursing homes surveyed, but received 33% of the three diamond scores (indicating the highest level of satisfaction). <sup>4</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup>LeadingAge Quality Metrics database, data derived from Nursing Home Compare, September 2017; <sup>2</sup>LeadingAge Quality Metrics database, data derived from Nursing Home Compare, September 2017 <sup>3</sup>LeadingAge Quality Metrics database, data derived from Nursing Home Compare, September 2017 <sup>4</sup>Rhode Island Department of Health 2016 Nursing Home Satisfaction Report