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“Fire Prevention” coming to Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati – The popular regional education program **“Fire Prevention: Safety & Code Enforcement”** will be held in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati during the month of July. Register now for this class that is only offered annually and will help your facility avoid Fire Code citations. Each class will feature both a Fire Safety Educator and a Code Enforcement Official from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include lunch. “Fire Prevention” has been approved for four (4) hours of CEU from BENHA. Academy members may attend this popular program for \$89 and non-members may attend for \$129. A member facility may send three employees for the discounted price of \$199, a savings of \$68! This is great opportunity for administrators, maintenance directors and nursing staff to learn together how to make their facilities safer.

- **Cleveland – Tuesday, July 14**
Holiday Inn Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
- **Columbus – Thursday, July 16**
Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- **Cincinnati – Wednesday, July 22**
Kings Island Resort and Conference
5691 Kings Island Drive
Mason, Ohio 45011

Watch your fax and email for more information or you can register online at <http://www.oanh.org/educationalofferings.shtml>. For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). [\(Back to top\)](#).

Front Door Stakeholder Group finishes work on PASRR rules – The Front Door Stakeholder Group met earlier this week to address comments from the Clearance process on the PASRR rules. The PASRR rules were in Clearance during late April and most of May so that the general public could review the rules and provide comments to the group. Most of the comments came from members already a part of the group and the group did not make any substantial policy

changes. The rules would allow for better tracking of individuals that enter SNFs on a convalescent stay, not allow an individual who has had an adverse PASRR within the last sixty days to be eligible for a convalescent stay, and have county workers more involved in the discharge planning process for MI or MRDD individuals. The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family services will make the final changes to the rules and submit them to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review for formal processing within the next few weeks. ([Back to top](#)).

State unemployment rate increases; economy unlikely to help budget – The unemployment rate in Ohio inched higher, topping 10% for the first time since 1983. Ohio's latest figure of 10.2% is 1.3% greater than the national unemployment rate. While national unemployment is expected to top out above 10% as firms continue to adjust to reduced consumer expenditures, Ohio continues to be in the forefront of falling economic indicators. Despite the negative news, the vast majority of economists are now predicting positive national economic growth early in 2010. Ohio will lag behind the upturn as the car industry and manufacturing will continue to struggle. The General Assembly will be forced to continue to struggle with declining revenues as they head into conference committee this June. The Senate is expected to release a substitute bill later this week and pass the budget bill sometime next week. ([Back to top](#)).

The "Early Bird" gets a great deal on a convention booth – Don't miss the chance to save on your 2009 trade show booth. By registering for your booth before June 30, you will save at least \$100! Reserve your 2009 Trade Show booth now to get your preferred location. The 2009 OANH Convention & Trade Show will be held Oct. 21-23, 2009 (Wednesday - Friday) at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. Trade show hours will be very similar to the 2008 show.

Booth prices are as follows:

- **Regular Booth Pricing**
Early Bird Booth Prices (**Through June 30, 2009**)
OANH Member: \$875
Non-Member: \$975
Regular Booth Prices (After June 30, 2009)
OANH Member: \$975
Non-Member: \$1,075
- **Premium Booth Pricing**
Early Bird (**Through June 30, 2009**): \$1,075
Regular (After June 30, 2009): \$1,275

The 2009 Exhibitor & Sponsor Prospectus has been mailed. The prospectus and contracts for 2009 are available via the [OANH website](#), or you can contact [Dawn Kennedy](#) to reserve your booth. ([Back to top](#)).

CMS adds information for nursing homes on Five-Star system, RAC to website

– The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a number of updates to its website. These include new information about the Five-Star rating system for nursing homes, which will become available Thursday, May 28. Five-Star provider preview reports were released May 20, according to the agency. Nursing home providers can access that information through the Minimum Data Set (MDS) State Welcome pages that are available at the state servers for the submission of MDS data, according to CMS. May's Five-Star data will be added to the Nursing Home Compare Web site on Thursday, May 28. For more information, visit www.medicare.gov/NHcompare. CMS has also updated the information under its FAQ section of the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) portion of its Web site. On May 19, CMS added answers to questions such as "Why is CMS using recovery audit contractors?" and "Who should providers contact with questions concerning recovery audit contractor communications?" For more information, visit www.cms.hhs.gov/RAC. (Source: McKnight's Long-Term Care News & Assisted Living, 5/26/09, www.mcknights.com) ([Back to top](#)).

Satisfaction among nursing home consumers, employees continues to rise, survey finds

– Nursing home consumers are more satisfied than they have been since 2005. Meanwhile, workforce satisfaction is at its highest level since 2006. That is according to a new survey by the research firm My InnerView. A majority (85%) of consumers report their satisfaction as either "excellent" or "good." Among employees, a total of 66% recommend their facility as a place to work as either "excellent" or "good," the survey found. The report includes responses from more than 223,000 employees, more than 54,000 residents and nearly 147,000 family members in 5,075 nursing facilities across the United States. The research firm began conducting research on these trends in 2005. The report finds that workers most directly involved in patient care are the least satisfied employees. Also,

leaders would be wise to address job stress to improve nurse and nursing assistants' satisfaction, the report suggests. Meeting choices and preferences is one of the top priority items for improving resident and family satisfaction, according to the survey. Copies of the "2008 National Survey of Consumer and Workforce Satisfaction in Nursing Homes" are available for download at www.myinnerview.com. (Source: McKnight's Long-Term Care News & Assisted Living, 5/28/09, www.mcknights.com) ([Back to top](#)).

Don't forget to chat it up on OANH blog – Do you have an issue at your facility you would like to discuss with other members? Then “chat” about it on the OANH member blog. To access the blog, go the Academy's website www.oanh.org and click on “Member Discussion/Blog.” Use your username and password to log in and post your comments. If you need a username and password, or simply forgot the one you have, contact [Christina O'Neal](#). This blog is a restricted site for OANH members only to enable free flowing discussion and commentary. If you have a specific issue that you would like us to add to the blog, please email [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Academy online courses offer quick and easy CEU options – If you are looking for a few hours of CEU, look no further than the Academy's virtual university. Check out all the great new classes now available wherever you are—at work, home or on the road. These online classes have been approved by the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA), and administrators may use online or home study courses to fulfill up to five (5) of their yearly 20-hour CEU requirement. Some of the new classes include:

- Introduction to OSHA and the OSH Act
- Employment Law
- Managing Electronic Communication
- Customer Service
- Fire Safety
- Building Security

You may sample any class for free, with no commitment. If you would like to take the class and receive CEU credit from BENHA, the cost is \$20-\$25; however, Academy members receive a discount. Members will need to use a discount code, which is available by the logging into the OANH website. Go to www.oanhonline.org now to learn more about these courses. If you have any questions, please contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

The 2009 OANH Membership Directory & Resource Guide will be mailed soon – The newly-designed *2009 OANH Membership Directory & Resource Guide* will soon be mailed to all OANH members. This directory contains alphabetical listings, including addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers and websites of our facility and associate members. This directory also includes a government index containing the Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Senate and the U.S. Congress. The Academy would like to thank all our sponsors of this new issue: Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, CHAMPS Group Purchasing Services, Geoffrey Webster—Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP, CompManagement, Inc., Cummins, Krasik & Hohl, ECS Billing & Consulting, Inc., Encore Rehabilitation Services, Howard Wershale & Co., Mobile Care Group, MobilexUSA, Northeast Surgical Associates of Ohio, Omnicare of Ohio, OnSight Healthcare, OPOC.us, Richter & Associates, Risk Management Solutions, Salsbury & Salsbury, LPA, Senior Healthcare Associates, The Douglas Company and Willowood Care Center. Your support enables the Academy to not only seek new goals and initiatives, but also to *help innovative long-term care professionals provide quality health care to Ohioans*. ([Back to top](#)).

Last chance to register for the Ohio Person-Centered Care Coalition conference – [Click here](#) to register for the 2009 Ohio Person-Centered Care Coalition conference scheduled for June 2 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. “Our Residents: The Heart of It All” will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The conference has been approved for six (6) hours of CEU from BENHA. Breakout sessions will be focused on care practices, work place practices and the environment. For the agenda, area hotels and speaker biographies go to <http://www.centeredcare.org/conference2009/default.asp>. ([Back to top](#)).