



COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
IN PARKINSON'S CARE

**Parkinson's Foundation Community Partners in Parkinson's Care** is a membership program for senior living communities and home care agencies.

## About Membership

Education is at the heart of the Community Partners in Parkinson's Care program. The curriculum is based on the latest Parkinson's disease (PD) information, pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapies, care recommendations, and interprofessional communication.

Developed by PD educators, with decades of care experiences, this program provides direct care staff and other professionals with knowledge they can apply to client care tomorrow.

Parkinson's disease is a complex neurodegenerative disease. Most clients who move to a senior residential community or bring in-home care are in the mid-late [stages of PD](#) with challenging care needs. Providing individualized care to support client needs requires knowledge and confidence in [common symptoms](#) and [management tools](#). The program is designed to distill the complexity of PD into applicable information and tangible tools so staff can immediately provide optimal care to enhance their clients' quality of life.

## Virtual & In-person Training

This program provides a full curriculum of Parkinson's education through virtual and in-person trainings. Presented via online synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences, we educate site champions at each member site utilizing the train-the-trainer model.

## Learn More

- Visit [Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners](https://Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners).
- Please note that applications open on a quarterly basis.
- Check our 2024 Calendar for trainings dates.

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## Benefits of Membership

- **Exclusive Awarding-Winning Parkinson's Education:** Learn from Parkinson's experts to provide targeted and effective care utilizing an online curriculum.
- **Continuous Online Education for All Staff:** Join member-only conversations on various topics with PD specialists from various disciplines (available live and on-demand).
- **Ongoing Collaborative Support:** Members have direct access to program co-directors for coaching and answers to questions to optimize success.
- **One-of-a-Kind Experiential PD Toolkit:** Help staff understand PD symptoms with interactive activities.
- **Members-Only Promotional Materials:** Promote your membership in your community with member-only materials; differentiate yourself with a member badge and Certificate of Membership.
- **Parkinson's Foundation Promotion.** Member sites are:
  - Listed on the Parkinson's Foundation website
  - Referred to local callers and families who contact the Foundation's Helpline (1-800-4PD-INFO)
  - Included in an up-to-date listing of Community Partners in Parkinson's Care to all U.S. Global Care Network Centers
- **Reduced Sponsorship Rates for Parkinson's Foundation Moving Day Events and Education Events:** Boost your visibility, connect with the community, and showcase your services through local, regional, and national Parkinson's Foundation events.

## Membership Requirements

**Maintain Active Site Champions:** Site champions are required to participate in a two-day accredited live virtual training course highlighting: tailored Parkinson's education, medication management, mobility, communication, mid to late-stage complexities, and milestones of membership maintenance.

**Staff Training:** 70% of direct care staff must complete online asynchronous education within six months of program membership.

**Submit Online Outcome Measures Two Times a Year:**

1. **Client Surveys:** completed by clients
2. **Semi-Annual Report:** completed by site champions
3. **Medication Audit:** A two-day audit of clients taking carbidopa/levodopa formulations of Parkinson's medications – *Only required for Senior Living Communities*

Attend Member Bi-Annual Calls with National Co-Directors: Private virtual calls to discuss progress, share information and ensure member questions are answered.

## Cost of Membership

### Yearly Membership Fees

Senior Living Communities - \$2750

Home Care Agencies - \$1500

### Legacy Members (Members who joined prior to 2023)

Senior Living Communities - \$2500

Home Care Agencies - \$1250

### Corporate Discount

10% discount for corporate groups of 5 or more

### Payment Options

- PayPal (members do not need to have a PayPal account)
- Electronic Transfer
- Mail in Check

*Subsidies available upon need, availability and request.*

### Please Note

- Invoice will be emailed one-month prior to membership expiration.
- Membership must be active to have access to educational and marketing materials.

### Cancellation Policy

Memberships can be canceled within 30 days of start date (or renewal start date) with written notice to [CommunityPartners@parkinson.org](mailto:CommunityPartners@parkinson.org). A refund minus \$150 service fee will be processed within 60 days of notice. At that time, the member will forfeit any usage of member education or recognition including but not limited to the badge, display of membership certificate and marketing materials.

There are no refunds after 30 days of start date of membership.

## Calendar

View our calendar at [Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners](https://www.parkinson.org/CommunityPartners) for upcoming training dates.

## Role of the Site Champion

### What is a site champion?

A site champion is the designated representative between a member site and the Community Partners in Parkinson's Care leadership team. They participate in update meetings and virtual site visits to review progress and answer questions.

Site champions must participate in a two-day virtual training, where they will receive a high-level education on Parkinson's disease, as well as information on the mechanics, expectations, and resources of program membership.

Successful site champions tend to be enthusiastic, organized and interested in improving the quality of Parkinson's care. Many are nurses or social workers but can serve in any role within their organization.

### The Role of a Site Champion

Typically, each member site has at least two site champions who are responsible to steward at least 70% of the staff to complete the online education models and implement the tools learned in the everyday care of their clients.

Site champions:

- Are the primary representatives of the program at their site.
- Ensure education for new and existing staff using the provided Community Partners in Parkinson's Care online curriculum.
- Raise awareness of membership.
- Perform timely collection of outcome data and reports based on the schedule provided. These include:
  - Medication Audits (two times a year for senior communities only)
  - Client Surveys (two times a year)
  - Semi-Annual Report (two times a year)

As the network continues to grow, the Parkinson's Foundation takes pride in meeting with site champions two times a year for one-on-one calls with our National Co-Directors. Our goal is to coach and mentor site champions throughout the center's membership to support your efforts to meet the Requirements of Membership each year.

## How to Apply

Below we highlight the membership process:

1. Complete the online member application at [Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners](https://Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners)
2. Application is reviewed for acceptance
3. Complete invoice and payment (quarterly enrollment)
4. Once payment is received, site champions are invited to the virtual training and given access to online modules
5. After completing training, site champions return to work and share materials with staff to ensure 70% or more of direct care staff complete the online modules

### For New Site Champions Joining A Current Member Site

1. Complete online member application at [Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners](https://Parkinson.org/CommunityPartners)
2. Application is reviewed for acceptance.
3. Person(s) is/are invited to the next quarterly training.



For more information, please  
email [CommunityPartners@Parkinson.org](mailto:CommunityPartners@Parkinson.org)

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