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Ask me about: Long-term care staff retention, organizational and managerial factors important to nursing assistants, Montessori dementia training

Dr. Katherine Kennedy is a social gerontologist and health services researcher. Her research concerns factors that promote the retention of long-term care staff, especially nursing assistants. VA research collaborations have expanded into home health care, Montessori training in dementia care, and adapting a depression intervention to Veterans in long-term care. She is currently funded to improve understanding of nursing assistant training and related outcomes in VHA Community Living Centers, focusing on job satisfaction, work-life balance, and career retention. She has experienced in mixed methods.

THRIVE Goals



LTSS Quality, Safety, Value



LTSS Workforce

Research

Retention and job quality of long-term care staff	Organizational and managerial factors important to nursing assistants
Montessori dementia training and implementation of this and similar programs	Promoting the mental health of long-term care staff
Veteran access to high-quality, timely care, in VHA Community Living Centers and in the community	Interdisciplinary team communication in geriatrics care

