Hand-out for Home Assignment Day 5



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SKILLS FOR OPPORTUNITIES

SL5.1 The Importance of Outdoor Activities for the Elder

In this module, you will learn about:

- The benefits of being outdoors for the elderly
- The conditions when the elder should not be taken outdoors

- 1. Going outdoors helps the elders:
 - 1) Get fresh air and sunshine
 - 2) Relieve stress and anxiety
 - 3) Meet people
 - 4) Feel a sense of freedom
 - 5) Improve self-confidence
 - 6) Get a change in routine
- 2. When the weather is extremely hot or cold or the weather forecast shows rain, snow or thunderstorm, do not take the elder for an outdoor activity
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In this module, you will learn about:

- The various types of outdoor activities appropriate for elders
- The things to consider when planning an outing with an elder

- 1. Some outdoor activities suitable for elders are:
 - 1) Visit to a park
 - 2) A picnic
 - 3) Visit to children's playground
 - 4) Sports like kite flying and fishing
 - 5) Shopping
 - 6) Gardening
 - 7) Feeding birds
- 2. When planning the outing:
 - 1) Visit the place before taking the elder there
 - 2) Make sure the place has accessible paths, benches and toilets
 - 3) Carry an outing bag with required medicines, light snacks and a water bottle
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SL5.3 Importance of Social Connections for the Elder



In this module, you will learn about:

- How important it is for the elders to have social connections
- The problems elders face while connecting with family members, fellow elders, or younger generations
- What can you do to help the elder connect better with others

- 1. Acknowledge the importance of social connections for the elder
- 2. Encourage the elder to stay abreast with the current times
- 3. Talk to the elder's family and encourage them to spend time with the elder
- 4. Encourage elders to meet new people and make friends with those with similar interests
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In this module, you will learn about:

- How you can encourage the elder under your care to share their feelings
- How you can involve the elders in various social activities

- 1. Understand the type of people the elder would like to spend time with and the type of activities they would like to do
- 2. Plan activities to facilitate elders to socialize with people of similar interests
- 3. Arrange for regular visits to a club
- 4. Encourage elders with work experience to work as an advisor with organizations doing social work
- 5. Ask the elder if they would like to engage in other social work such as teaching or working for hospitals
- 6. Plan periodic entertainment activities
- 7. Plan family activities
- 8. For elders who cannot go outdoors, arrange for visits by positive friends and relatives





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SL5.5 Connecting with the Elder Socially



In this module, you will learn about:

- How you can interact with the elder on a regular basis
- How you can facilitate their social interactions
- The importance of social interactions for elders

- 1. Listen to the stories about the elder's life and appreciate their achievements
- 2. Learn more about subjects that interest the elder and try to engage in intellectually stimulating conversations
- 3. Encourage the elder to pursue their passions; appreciate any progress the elder makes
- 4. Patiently listen to their anxieties or negative feelings and try to show the positive aspects of their life
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SL5.6 Aiding the Elder with Reading



In this module, you will learn about:

- The reasons why elderly people need help in reading
- The ways and aids to help elderly people read comfortably
- The correct way to read aloud to an elder

- 1. To help an elder read comfortably:
 - 1. Ensure the area is well lit
 - 2. Ensure the elder is seated in a good, comfortable posture
 - 3. Try to provide a quiet, peaceful environment
 - 4. Ensure a regular supply of reading material of elder's choice
 - 5. Arrange for reading aids like magnifying sheet or glasses, if required
 - 6. Help an elder with poor vision use appropriate reading aid
- 2. To read aloud to elders who cannot read themselves:
 - 1. Face the elder while reading
 - 2. Speak slowly and clearly
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SL5.7 Overseeing the Elder's Activities



In this module, you will learn about:

- How to oversee an elder's activities effectively and efficiently
- How to plan meals of the elders and ensure safety while eating
- How to take care of the exercise routine of the elder

- 1. When you start caring for an elder, you may receive some specific inputs from your employer and the elder's doctor
- 2. Note down the requirements and inputs and get them verified by your employer
- 3. Prepare and follow a daily routine for the elder keeping in mind these requirements
- 4. To ensure the health and safety of the elder, you must oversee all their activities, such as eating, resting, exercising, and going out
- 5. Allow them to deviate from the routine occasionally, if they wish
- 6. Encourage the elder to be independent as possible but ensure that they are safe by keeping a close watch on their activities

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