

VNS Health Nurse Residency Program awarded HCANYS Trailblazer Award

VNS Health's Nurse Residency Program was awarded the HCANYS Trailblazer Award for Quality and Innovation on May 5, 2023. The award is given to home care/hospice care agencies and MLTC plan/teams that created programs which support and educate their staff, improve their clinical modal, or other initiatives that bettered population health, client satisfaction, and resource management.

Receiving the award on behalf of VNS Health were Yvonne Eaddy, vice president for regional patient care services, Elizer Cooper-Audain, associate vice president for education and development, Monica Cayemitte, branch director for CHHA Manhattan/Bronx, Alice Rainford, education manager for clinical, Sandy Merlino, vice president for regional business development, and Jennifer Brullo, senior vice president for patient care services.

The Nurse Residency Program aims to guide new nurses and give opportunities for seasoned nurses to improve their own skills. In their writeup, the HCANYS says the nurse residency program is "A unique program that gives new nurses the experience they need and enhances seasoned nurses' leadership skills." The two-year program offers classroom and hands on training for home care to recent graduates, alongside mentorship from veteran nurses supervised by a nurse preceptor. Through this program, nurses can develop their practical skill sets and improve their own well-being to deliver quality care to patients.

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