**Best Practices Skilled Nursing Facilities**

* Follow facility sign in/out procedure
* Attempt to adhere to reasonable visiting hours
* Understand basic workings of Skilled Nursing Facilities. It is helpful to know when client is scheduled for therapy or medical visits, meal times, shift changes, activities and other schedules that may impact having quality time with your client
* Prearrange visits and private space for meetings
* Provide Residential Introduction Letter to staff
* Provide your business card (if available)
* Wear appropriate organization identification
* Attain contact information of staff
* Be mindful of staff’s duties and time. This is a nursing/rehab facility which operates 24 hours per day and which staff have multiple residents they tend to
* Do not go into resident rooms without asking the resident and nursing home staff first. Always knock first and wait for response before entering room. Residents may be in shared rooms
* Ask the client, when applicable, if they would like you to attend their care conference or other multidisciplinary team meeting
* Notify, when applicable, your client’s HCS/AAA/DDA worker for care coordination
* Bring general Health Home program educational materials to leave with resident and facility staff as applicable