**We Want You!**

**Tennessee Regional Healthcare Quality Improvement Collaboratives**

The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community (CAC), along with the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) and Qsource, invites your organization to apply for the opportunity to become a lead organization for the Tennessee Regional Healthcare Quality Improvement Collaboratives Initiative. This effort will create a statewide system of Tennessee nursing facilities and community organizations working together to improve the quality of long term care.

CAC, TDH, and Qsource have had several discussions about ideal organizations that would make exemplary Regional Collaborative lead organizations. We strongly feel that your organization would be successful in this leadership role and write to ask that you might consider applying for the opportunity.

The initiative will support up to five Regional Collaboratives. Project contracts of up to $28,500 per Regional Collaborative will be awarded to support 18 months of quality improvement activities, including a regional needs assessment, mapping of community assets, and two formal QAPI projects. In addition, CAC will provide extensive guidance, training, and technical support for the Regional Collaboratives and Leadership Teams.

CAC’s efforts in Tennessee are modeled after a similar approach CAC has implemented in Indiana in partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health since 2015. The Indiana Regional Collaboratives project has reported the following quality improvement outcomes:

* Reduction of antipsychotic medications by 43 percent
* Reduction of rates of falls by 30 percent
* Reduction of hospitalizations by 38 percent
* Reduction of rates of UTIs by an average of 43 percent across five Collaborative (24-57 percent reductions)
* Reduction in CNA turnover by 16 percent
* More than $3 million in identified savings

CAC, TDH, and Qsource want your participation and will do what we can to support your organization in the application process and/or leadership development. We have extended the application deadline to Friday, June 28th. We hope that you will apply.

See the [*Request for Applications* (RFA)](https://www.uindy.edu/cac/final-qirc-rfa_6.18.19.pdf) for eligibility requirements and to apply.

For more information on the organization of Regional Collaboratives, the funding opportunity, and QAPI projects, visit <https://www.uindy.edu/cac/tennessee-regional-healthcare> or contact Project Director, Kayleigh Adrian at adriank@uindy.edu or (317) 791-5934.