



## **Stockton Center on Successful Aging Partners with Right at Home and Shores of Wesley Manor to Present Free Professional Workshop**

**“Maintaining Professional Boundaries in Health Care Settings”  
Set for October 11, 2012**

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) will present a professional seminar sponsored by Right at Home and the Shores of Wesley Manor, scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at The Shores of Wesley Manor, 2201 Bay Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

The seminar titled ***Maintaining Professional Boundaries in the Health Care Setting*** will be presented by Christine A. Gayda, PhD, NJ Licensed Psychologist, SCOSA Service Chair and Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at the Richard Stockton College of NJ.

Maintaining a caring and ethical relationship with patients requires a delicate balance of compassion and professionalism. Health care personnel can easily “cross the line” by engaging in behavior with patients that is beyond the “zone of helpfulness.” For example, self-disclosure by a health care provider can have negative effects on the care provided to patients and clients.

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Workshop Objectives are as follows:

- Define the concept of a healthy therapeutic relationship with patients;
- Understand the definition of professional boundaries;
- Understand the model of the “zone of helpfulness”;
- Understand the “warning signs” of professional boundaries being violated;
- Learn how to use an assessment tool for identifying boundary violations;
- Review clinical case studies that illustrate how violations of professional boundaries brought harm to patients and/or their family members.

Online advanced registration is required by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2012 and can be accessed via the SCOSA website at [www.stockton.edu/scosa](http://www.stockton.edu/scosa). For more information contact: Patricia Smith, Community Liaison, Right At Home, Email: [psmith@rahnjshore.com](mailto:psmith@rahnjshore.com), Tel: 609.788.8236, Fax: 609.788.8254

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