

TIPS FOR IMPLEMENTING A DINING EXPERIENCE

The key to creating a dining experience is organization. There are several pre-planning tips that can help your event run smoothly.

- What is the ideal date? Schedule this event with the activities coordinator to achieve maximum participants.
- How many clients and their potential family members do you expect to participate? (There is nothing more disappointing than scheduling an event and learning residents are unavailable.)
- Decide on how much you can allocate to this event ...check and plan your budget.
- Can you supply music; is this event conducive to having several talented individuals lend their music expertise?
- Prepare a timeline of event (download a FREE Dining Experiences Worksheet at SafeEggs.com/dining)

Advertising Your Event

Advertising and communicating your event is critical to the success of your Dining Experience.

- Download the FREE promotional poster PDF files at SafeEggs.com/dining
- Think outside the box! Here are a couple of idea-generating questions to help advertise your event:
 - Would invitations to your clients bring a smile?
 - Invite your staff and the Nursing Staff to get involved and dress the part or participate in an appropriate capacity.
 - Hold an employee meeting to brief all parties and specifically department heads.
 - Don't forget to invite your Administrator!!

Music and Entertainment

Life is Music! Incorporating some aspect of music will liven the event up.

- A CD player, iPod, or whatever your area allows can provide some background music that will be in sync with the theme of the event.
- Employ the local school band to play a few songs.
- Do you have any talented musicians within your facilities? You might be surprised at the talent that lies behind your very own doors. Discretely solicit some help, or add a small announcement to a bulletin board soliciting support.

