

- Visit the Resident the First Day of Admission or Next Business Day
- Establish a Connection
 - o Introduce Yourself and Explain Your Role
 - Provide Your Business Card and Explain How to Reach You and Where to Find Your
 Office
 - o Spend Some Time Getting to Know the Resident and Family Members
 - Identify Two Areas of Interest/Things They Like to Talk About Take Notes for Future Reference
 - Plan to Connect with the Family At Least Monthly Find Out the Best Time to Reach
 Them and Their Preferred Method of Communication (e.g., phone, text, email)
- Ask a Resident to Be the New Resident's Buddy for the First Few Weeks (Determine Which Residents Like to be Buddies and Provide Training on Supporting a New Resident)
- Stop-In Daily and See the Resident for the First Two Weeks Note New Conversation Points on the 24-Hour Report/Resident Communication Log
- Update the Family Weekly for the First Six Weeks (or Other Agreed Upon Time Frame) on Resident Status

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