

HOW TO USE NewsCurrents Sr. WITH YOUR RESIDENTS

1.

Preview the Issue

The front cover of the discussion guide shows you the main stories in each issue.

2.

Select the Stories

You may wish to show the entire program, or just certain stories that are most appropriate for your group.

3.

Use NewsCurrents at the Same Time Each Week

Make the discussion a weekly social event with refreshments, visitors, etc.

4.

Choose a Discussion Level

Most of the year (with the exception of the summer months) the discussion guide offers more than one conceptual level. Choose the one most appropriate for your group or utilize information and questions from more than one level depending on your group's level of interest.

5.

Begin with the "Who am I?" Frame

This frame serves as a fun ice-breaker and will arouse interest and focus attention.

6.

Paraphrase the Discussion Guide

If possible, it is best to personalize the discussion guide and gear the information and questions to the particular individuals in your group. The format of NewsCurrents allows for maximum flexibility. The guide does not have to be read verbatim.

7.

Allow for Discussion

First and foremost, NewsCurrents is intended to be a discussion program. The still images allow you to pause for discussion at any time. The questions in the guide are meant to be discussion starters. Of course, you are encouraged to add your own questions because you understand your group better than anyone.

8.

Encourage Reminiscing

Many NewsCurrents stories have a historical context. Be sure to use this background to prompt residents to recall their own memories of the past.

9.

Reproduce the Activity Pages

At the end of the printed discussion guide, you will find reproducible activities. Depending on your group and their interests, these may provide additional intellectual stimulation as individual or group activities.



The current issues discussion program for senior adults.

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Here's What Enthusiastic Users of NewsCurrents Sr. Say:

"We love NewsCurrents Sr.! Staff and residents alike learn a lot. It empowers residents to voice opinions and feel safe in doing so. Residents interact with one another and realize they are still vital, intelligent people who have something to say that matters!"

— Brentwood Care Center, Denver, CO

"Our residents comment favorably after each presentation of NewsCurrents Sr.. Even residents with confusion and memory loss value the intellectual stimulation and that someone took the time to teach them something instead of just entertain them."

— Ebenezer Luther Hall, Minneapolis, MN

"Before NewsCurrents Sr. it was difficult to find a medium where our residents could learn of current events and understand what was going on in our world. Now they amaze staff and family with their knowledge and their educated opinions on current topics."

— Village Nursing Center, Fork Union, VA

"The NewsCurrents Sr. program allows us to pace the information that is shared. The residents have stated they like NewsCurrents Sr. better than television news because the newscasters 'talk too fast'! In a nursing home, it's very difficult to provide educational programs that are both adult-appropriate and fun! NewsCurrents Sr. allows us to have the best in both ways!"

— Mt. St. Mary's Nursing Home, Niagara Falls, NY

"We use NewsCurrents Sr. with our lower-functioning residents as well as our higher-functioning. The residents have more of an attention span when we use NewsCurrents Sr.. They seem to enjoy the visual aid. It is also a very effective and efficient way to do a current events activity. . . .We enjoy this tremendously."

— The Health Center, Chico, CA

"We have been using NewsCurrents Sr. for years and have enjoyed each and every feature. We look forward to getting the latest one and as far as being up to date, you're right on the money."

— Langhorne Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation, Langhorne, PA

"This is truly one of the best programs we have. It's one thing to read a newspaper, but to have the visual cues that come with the NewsCurrents Sr. program makes such a significant difference. The residents respond much more spontaneously this way."

— Schuyler Hospital, Montour Falls, NY