## **SENIOR LIVING #5**

- 1. meals, install a system for addressing complaints and feedback promptly.
- 2. Restaurant-Style Dining: If possible, create a restaurant-style dining experience. This includes attractive plating, pleasant dining environments, and attentive waitstaff to enhance the overall dining experience.
- 3. Emphasize Resident Feedback: Encourage residents to provide continuous feedback on the food quality and dining experience. Act on this feedback to make ongoing improvements.
- 4. Collaborate with Dietitians: Collaborate with registered dietitians to ensure that the meals meet the nutritional needs of the residents. They can help create menus that are not only tasty but also healthy.
- 5. Staff Training on Customer Service: Ensure that kitchen and serving staff are trained in customer service and communication skills. A positive attitude and respectful service can greatly enhance the dining experience.
- Regular Audits and Assessments: Regularly audit the food preparation processes, cleanliness, and food storage to maintain hygiene standards and food safety.
- 7. Budget Allocation: Allocate sufficient resources and budget to support the improved food quality. Quality ingredients and professional staff may require a higher budget, but this investment is essential for resident satisfaction. With rising inflation across the nation, it is incumbent on management to become more creative in buying and serving food.
- 8. Regular Review and Adaptation: Continuously review the food service and make necessary adjustments based on feedback, resident needs, and industry best practices.

By implementing these steps, you can improve the quality of food. Remember, a well-balanced, delicious, and nutritious meal will maintain the well-being and happiness of the residents. It's all about the Residents. The facility really belongs to the residents and things must improve or a mass departure could occur with the facility spiraling into the abyss.