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West Virginia Chapter

Professional
Training
Opportunities

Helping you create a
positive environment for
staff and residents



the compassion to care, the leadership to conquer

Why Train Your Staff?

More and more, families want to know that those who care for their loved ones have been properly trained in dementia care, that they understand the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and that they are prepared to meet the challenges related to their care.

We believe better trained staff will result in:

- √ *Fewer incidents and injuries*
- √ *Less turnover*
- √ *Better efficiency with resident care*
- √ *Increased family satisfaction*
- √ *Reduction in complaints*
- √ *Your staff working smarter, not harder*

Training Topics

(Unless noted, each topic is one hour in length. Outlines and other topics are available upon request.)

- Overview of Alzheimer's Disease
 - Effective Communication (2 hour training)
 - Understanding & Managing Behaviors (2 hour training)
 - Meaningful Activities
 - Working With Families
 - Eating, Dining & Nutrition
 - The Battle of the Bath
 - Sexuality, Intimacy & Alzheimer's Disease
 - The Second Language of Alzheimer's: Non-Verbal Communication
 - Wandering, Driving & Other Safety Issues
 - Hospitalization & Alzheimer's Disease
 - The Problem of Pain & Dementia
 - Late Stage Care
 - Down Syndrome & Alzheimer's Disease: What's the
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Training Packages

An eight hour comprehensive overview is available which includes: Overview of Alzheimer's Disease, Effective Communication, Understanding & Managing Behaviors, Meaningful Activities, Working with Families, and Effects of Dementia on Activities of Daily Living.

Special training packages can be created to better suit your specific needs. Please contact us for more information.

Fees

All topics are offered at \$70 per hour, plus travel expenses.

Hands-On Dementia Experience

The Hands-On Dementia Experience is a sensitivity training that will change your perception of the elderly, people with dementia, and what quality care really means. You will gain insight into the world of dementia and change your perspective, as you, for a few moments, experience the world as they do.

The tour is offered for a minimum of four hours at a cost of \$250; additional time is \$70 per hour. Please contact us for more information.

CEU Program

We offer continuing education credits for both nurses and social workers. Other CEU credits may be available. Please contact us for more information.

Testimonials

"I have attended trainings all over the U.S. and this is by far the best one I have ever been to."

"It was one of the best sessions I have attended. The sessions and presenters were excellent, and were knowledgeable and caring."

"I honestly dreaded coming today because I fear Alzheimer's. I am happy to report, that I am more confident of my ability to discuss this topic with the students I teach."

"This was a very insightful and thought provoking workshop. I wish this was mandatory training for all long-term care facilities who serve individuals with memory impairment/loss."

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Our Mission

The Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter, is committed to support services, education, advocacy and research on behalf of those affected by Alzheimer's disease.



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