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Dementia & Alzheimer's Care – A Training Course for All Health Care Professionals

June 23, 2009 | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
HFAM Meeting Room, Columbia, Maryland

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The only way to provide successful dementia care is to understand the disease process, the importance of communication skills and the significance of the feelings behind the dementia related behaviors. The curriculum for this course includes an overview of the dementia diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment, as well as communication techniques, feelings, depression, repetitive behaviors, paranoia, hallucinations, wandering, hoarding, aggressive behaviors, catastrophic reactions, intimacy, sexuality, personal care, nutrition, pain, activities, environment, staff and family support, diversity, cultural competence, spiritual care, and end of life issues.

This course is appropriate for all levels of health care professionals and is not geared to one type of provider.

This course meets the requirement of the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) for the first step in becoming a Certified Dementia Practitioner. If you are not seeking certification, attend this course to learn more about dementia and become a better caregiver.

For more information on becoming a Certified Dementia Practitioner please contact the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners at www.nccdp.org.

Objectives:

- Understand the dementia disease process.
- Identify common causes of aggressive, repetitive and sundowning behaviors in older adults.
- Describe behavioral/care interventions that may be used to prevent, reduce or eliminate difficult care situations.



- Describe challenges related to caregiver stress and utilize stress reduction techniques.
- Learn alternative activity interventions that are success oriented and failure free.

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CEUs:

Administrators: This educational offering has been reviewed by the National Continuing Education Review Service (NCERS) of the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB) and approved for 8.0 clock hours and 8.0 participant hours.

Social Workers: HFAM is an approved sponsor by the Board of Social Work Examiners. This program is approved for 8.0 Social Work Category I Education units.

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance that may be submitted by licensed professionals for continuing education

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Presenter:

Dawn Powell-Chourouk ADC, CDP

Dawn Powell-Chourouk is a Certified Activity Director, a Certified Eden Alternative Associate as well as a Certified Dementia Practitioner. She is also an authorized certification instructor with The National Certification Council of Dementia Practitioners. In addition to serving as an Activity Director, Admission and Marketing Director, Director of Alzheimer's and gero-psych units, she serves as a Regional Clinical Specialist.

Dawn has a vast knowledge base in many facets of long term care and community services, and is considered a pioneer in her field regarding resident rights and culture change. She is a national speaker on a variety of topics for health care workers. She is published in both print and video, having worked in collaboration with The University of Maryland Video Press. She brings with her 16 years of experience. She is the founder of Dawn On The Horizon LLC.

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Directions:

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From Baltimore and North. Take I-95 South toward Washington, DC. Take Route 175 West towards Columbia. After the Gateway Center Exit get in right hand lane. Take the exit for Snowden River Parkway South. Make a left at the bottom of the exit ramp onto Snowden River Parkway. Proceed on Snowden River Pkwy. At the 6th light turn right onto Minstrel Way. Follow Minstrel Way

to your left; take the last driveway on left.

From Washington DC and South. Take I-95 North towards Baltimore. Take Route 32 West towards Columbia. Take the Broken Land Parkway exit North. Turn slight right onto Snowden River Parkway. At the first traffic light turn left onto Minstrel Way. Follow Minstrel Way to your left; take the last driveway on left.

From Annapolis and East. Take Route 50 West to I-97 North towards Baltimore. Take Route 32 West towards MD-3 South/Columbia/Bowie. Straight on Route 32 for approximately 16 miles. Take the Broken Land Parkway exit North. Turn slight right onto Snowden River Parkway. At the first traffic light turn left onto Minstrel Way. Follow Minstrel Way to your left; take the last driveway on left.

From Western Maryland. Take Route 70 East to Route 29 South exit, towards Columbia/Washington. Take Route 100 East exit, on the left towards Glen Burnie. Take the Snowden River Parkway exit. Proceed on Snowden River Parkway. At the 8th light turn right onto Minstrel Way. Follow Minstrel Way to your left; take the last driveway on left.

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