Locating a Screener

AFA recommends that only qualified healthcare professionals administer the face-to-face memory screenings. Qualified healthcare professionals include primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, pharmacists, neurologists, psychologists, geriatricians, physician assistants and dementia care administrators. To ensure best practice, knowledge of dementia and Alzheimer’s is a plus! A free virtual “Screener Training” webinar and online training materials are available for screeners.

Here are some suggestions on where to locate a qualified healthcare professional to conduct memory screenings for National Memory Screening Week and AFA C.A.R.E.S screening events:

- Members of your own organization
- AFA member organizations
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Alzheimer’s disease organizations
- Local hospitals, physicians, health clinics
- Geriatric care managers
- Social service agencies (e.g., Department of Health & Human Services)
- Visiting nurse services
- Home care agencies
- Graduate schools (e.g., gerontology, social work)
- Medical schools
- Assisted living facilities
- Nursing homes
- Adult day programs
- Senior centers
- Local pharmacies
- Houses of worship (e.g., parish nurses)
- Volunteer organizations (e.g., retired professionals)

Contact the candidate to explain the event and their role as a screener. Ask the professional if they have any experience or familiarity with memory screenings, and if they feel comfortable in selecting a memory screening tool and administering the screenings. The potential screener should review all instructions, videos, forms and procedures related to the screenings.

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