



Can Psychological Trauma Increase the Risk of Dementia?

Location: LIVE Webinar

Date: May 19, 2021

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm ET

Course Description: Studies not only focus on finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease, but also the risk factors as a proactive approach. If we can better understand these factors, then there may be approaches to develop that can reduce dementia cases. This workshop explores recent studies that have discovered the impact of trauma on the brain, especially those who show signs of PTSD, and how this increases the likelihood of dementia. These studies also indicate how the development of dementia can cause the emergence of PTSD from traumatic events early in life. We then explore how healthcare providers can screen for trauma in older adults, when it may be recommended to treat PTSD, and how to support those who experience symptoms of PTSD yet are unable to engage in trauma-focused therapy. This LIVE Webinar workshop is fully interactive. Attendees may ask and answer questions throughout the presentation and participate in instructor-led discussions.

From this workshop you will learn to:

1. Develop a foundational understanding of dementia-related illnesses.
2. Explore the effects of untreated psychological trauma among older adults with dementia.
3. Recognize the importance of screening for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder among older adults.
4. Identify effective interventions to treat Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and when it is appropriate for older adults with dementia.

Course Agenda:

12:00pm-12:15pm – Gain a foundational understanding of the types of dementia.

12:15pm-1:00pm – Define trauma and how trauma disrupts daily life. Identify symptoms of trauma and what happens when untreated.

1:00pm-1:30pm – Explore how dementia can trigger PTSD and past traumatic events.

1:30pm-2:00pm – Examine assessments tools and effective interventions.

Program Goals and Target Audience: To educate CCM board-certified case managers, social workers, paraprofessionals, and health care professionals of all levels about dementia care and supporting those affected by dementia-related illnesses.



Content Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Presenter Bio: Jennifer Reeder, LCSW, SIFI

Jennifer Reeder is the Director of Education and Social Services for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. This includes overseeing AFA's National Toll-Free Helpline staffed by licensed social workers, and community class programs all instructed by various therapists and educators. Ms. Reeder graduated in 2011 from Temple University with a Masters of Social Work, and entered the not-for-profit sector providing in-home therapy to families in the Philadelphia area for over 9 years. She is proud to now be supporting individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's and dementia-related illnesses while providing clinical guidance to the licensed social workers of AFA. She encourages engagement and peer support from attendees, while drawing from real life situations to enhance the learning process.

Fee and Registration Information: Cost is \$25 and includes 2 CE credits. To register follow this link: www.alzfdn.org/education-workshop. Registration remains open until start of the live webinar. Cancellations must be received 24 hours prior to the live webinar to receive a refund.

Course Completion and CE Information

Course completion requirements:

- Licensed social workers must attend the entire course, complete an online course evaluation, and pass the online exam by 80% which can be taken as many times as needed to pass.
- Other professionals seeking CEs must also attend the entire course and complete the online evaluation. Exam not necessary.

Certificates of completion will be emailed within 10 business days of course completion.

- Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Inc. SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0222.
- This program is approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval # 886446769-3219) for 2 continuing education contact hours.
- This course is pending approval by the ASWB ACE program.
- This program has been submitted to The Commission for Case Manager Certification for approval to provide board-certified case managers with 2 contact hours.

For questions, concerns, or to request special accommodations, please call: 866-232-8484 or email Jennifer Reeder – jreeder@alzfdn.org.



Minimum System Requirements to attend the webinar

Recommended browser: Google Chrome or Firefox

Other browser: Opera and Edge

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