



AFA Partners in Care – Supporting Individuals Living with Dementia DVD-Based Training

Statement of educational goals of program

“AFA Partners in Care: Supporting Individuals Living with Dementia” training video seeks to:

- Provide a foundational knowledge of dementia;
- Convey the diversity in the dementia experience;
- Convey the humanity of people living with dementia;
- Convey that people living with dementia have the right to attain the highest quality of life possible, to be treated with respect and dignity, and to be given choice in how they live and die;
- Convey that relationships are at the core of dementia care; care partners should partner with people living with dementia, family members, and colleagues to support the person and promote quality of life;
- Convey that a relational model of dementia care relies on all parties in the relationship bringing strengths the fore (rather than dwelling on deficiencies)
- Convey that working with people who are living with dementia can be rich and meaningful career path
- Develop viewer’s capacity to reflect upon their experiences with dementia and dementia care and to convey that ongoing reflection is a core aspect of dementia care
- Provide practical and accessible strategies and techniques to promote and achieve the abovementioned, specifically in regards to:
 - i. Health
 - ii. Well being
 - iii. Communication
 - iv. Collaboration
 - v. Personal care
 - vi. Care transitions
 - vii. Safety and security
 - viii. End of life

Detailed course description

Available as a DVD, the 5.5-hour “AFA Partners in Care: Supporting Individuals Living with Dementia” training video seeks to equip myriad health care professionals with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to work effectively with individuals living with dementia, their families, and colleagues.

This training program reflects a philosophy of care that the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) strongly supports: that which is focused on relationship-building. This person-centered approach to care values and promotes the unique strengths, goals, and humanity of each individual, involves interdisciplinary collaboration among care providers, and places individuals with dementia and their families at the center of decision-making. Through encouraging viewers to reflect upon their experiences working with this population, professional strengths and areas for professional growth, the video seeks to foster mindfulness, introspection, and critical thinking.

Material is delivered through 9, topic-based modules:

- Module 1: Building relationships
- Module 2: Understanding dementia
- Module 3: Facilitating meaningful living
- Module 4: Effective communication
- Module 5: Facilitating personal care
- Module 6: Promoting safety and security
- Module 7: Facilitating care transitions
- Module 8: Supporting through end of life
- Module 9: Professional self-care

The film features perspectives and insights from an interdisciplinary array of experts and professionals in the dementia field, individuals living with Alzheimer's disease, and family members, providing viewers with a rich and dynamic educational experience.

AFA's Director of Educational and Social Services, Jennifer Reeder, is involved in the planning and evaluation of the program. Ms. Reeder is licensed as a clinical social worker through New York State.

Content Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Course Completion and CE Information

Course completion requirements:

- This training offers 5.5 CEs and Certification as an AFA Dementia Care Partner to those who complete an online course evaluation and pass the online exam by 80% which can be taken as many times as needed to pass.

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 # 886446769-9886) for 5.5 continuing education contact hours.
- This course is pending approval by the ASWB ACE program.

Fee and Order Information: Cost is \$75 and includes CE credit and certification as an AFA Dementia Care Partner. This certification can be renewed annually. To order the DVD, visit shop.alzfdn.org.

If you are unsatisfied with this DVD-based training, please contact Jennifer Reeder to request a full refund within 30 days of the date you ordered. CEs and certification will no longer be available upon refund.

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