



Can Psychological Trauma Increase the Risk of Dementia?

Clinical Course

Location: LIVE Interactive Webinar

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

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 LIVE Interactive Webinar workshop takes a clinical approach in exploring 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:

2:00pm-2:15pm – Gain a foundational understanding of the types of dementia.

2:15pm-3:00pm – Define trauma and how trauma disrupts daily life. Identify symptoms of trauma and what happens when untreated.

3:00pm-3:30pm – Explore how dementia can trigger PTSD and past traumatic events.

3:30pm-4:00pm – 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 begin registration follow this link: <https://alzfdn.org/education-workshop/> Once the first step of payment process is completed a link will be emailed to register on the platform GoToWebinar. Attendees will receive a final email with a link to log on to the actual webinar at the specific start date and time. 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 and complete an online course evaluation. New York licensed social workers must also pass the online exam by 80% which can be taken as many times as needed to pass. AFA will email all registrants who attended the entire course with a link to the exam and evaluation which are completed through SurveyMonkey.
- Other professionals seeking CEs must also attend the entire course and complete the online evaluation. Exam not necessary.
- Certificates of completion will be emailed or mailed (attendee's preference indicated on the evaluation) within 10 business days of course completion and the exam is graded.

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- Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Inc. 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 #SW-0222.
- Can Psychological Trauma Increase the Risk of Dementia?, Course #3656, is approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program to be offered by Alzheimer's Foundation of America as an individual course. Individual courses, not providers, are approved at the course level. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. ACE course approval period: 6/11/2021 – 6/11/2023. Social workers completing this course receive 2 Clinical Social Work Practice continuing education credits.
- This program has been pre-approved by The Commission for Case Manager Certification to provide continuing education credit to CCM® board certified case managers. The course is approved for 2 CE contact hour(s). Activity code: I00046301 Approval Number: 210001669.

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

System Requirements

Operating system	Windows 7 - Windows 10 Mac OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) - macOS Big Sur (11) Linux Google Chrome OS Android OS 5 (Lollipop) - Android 10 iOS 10 - iOS 12
Web browser	Google Chrome (most recent 2 versions) Mozilla Firefox (most recent 2 versions)
Internet connection	Computer: 1 Mbps or better (broadband recommended) Mobile device: 3G or better (WiFi recommended for VoIP audio)
Software	GoToWebinar desktop app GoToWebinar mobile app JavaScript enabled
Hardware	2GB of RAM (minimum), 4GB or more of RAM (recommended) Microphone and speakers (USB headset recommended)
Mobile device	iPhone 4S or newer iPad 2 or newer