



Gaining a Deeper Understanding of Dementia and Substance Misuse to Eliminate Stigma

Clinical Social Work Practice Course

Location: LIVE INTERACTIVE Webinar

Date: August 17, 2022

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm ET

Course Description: In American society, often times individuals with substance use are highly stigmatized and this can have a major impact on health and wellness. In this live interactive workshop, we will be taking a deep look into the relationship between dementia and substance use. We will discuss Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder as well the impacts stress can have on our brains, and how this can be exacerbated due to substance use. We will additionally learn about how different substances like alcohol, marijuana and opioids impact different parts of our brain and in turn how that relates to dementia and brain health. Our goal for this presentation is to be able to create effective, meaningful ways to treat individuals who use substance or may be impacted by dementia. This means being able to have knowledge on screening and treatment tools as well as understanding the significant barriers individuals who use substances may face. As a particularly vulnerable population in society, who may feel internal and external stigma, it is vital to understand how we as a community can connect with them to improve well-being. Lastly, we will be discussing how to incorporate the family and support systems into recovery to ensure we are focusing on holistic health. We hope this presentation will help to show professionals how to alleviate stigma among individuals with substance use and dementia, treat patients with dignity and compassion, illustrate to individuals that changes in the brain are influenced by several varying factors and continue to guide treatment plans with knowledge at the forefront.

From this workshop you will learn to:

1. Define addiction and different forms of substance use
2. Identify the relationship between substance use and dementia
3. Describe stigma and understand substance-use and dementia-related stigma
4. Assess different barriers to access and meaningful treatments for intervention
5. Apply effective strategies to reduce stigma and in turn increase the health and well-being of individuals with substance use

Course Agenda:

1:00pm-1:30pm – Gain a foundational understanding of dementia and substance misuse.

1:30pm-2:00pm – Explore the different types of substances typically misused by older adults.

2:00pm-2:30pm – Identify barriers to treatment for older adults.



2:30pm-3:00pm – Learn about effective strategies to eliminate identified barriers and stigma to improve interventions for older adults with dementia who misuse substances.

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, complete an online course evaluation, and 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.
- Gaining a Deeper Understanding of Substance Misuse and Dementia to Eliminate Stigma, Course #4036, 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: 03/24/22 – 03/24/24. Social workers completing this course receive 2 Clinical 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: I00049827 Approval Number: 220000671.

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

