Recognizing and Understanding Dementia

General Course

1 CE credit available

Location: The Rosen Plaza
9700 International Drive
Orlando, FL. 32819
Date: October 11th, 2023
Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm ET

Presentation Description: This presentation will define dementia and its treatable causes, identify why Alzheimer’s disease puts the patient’s safety at risk, and explain how behaviors become the patient’s means of communicating a need. The presentation will also describe implications of the Baker Act, common triggers for wandering events, safety strategies, and effective, therapeutic communication strategies. Finally, the latest information will be offered on lifestyle choices for preserving brain health.

From this presentation you will learn to:

1. Distinguish Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders from mental illness
2. Describe the changes in F.S. 394.455 re: the Baker Act
3. Describe why (and when) behavior becomes communication
4. Name 3 possible triggers for wandering or challenging behaviors

Program Goals and Target Audience: To educate 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

Presenter Bio: Karen L. Gilbert, DNP, MS, RN, CDP
Dr. Karen Gilbert serves as Vice President of Education and Quality Assurance for Alzheimer’s Community Care. Karen earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University, her Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University, and her Nursing degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center. Karen holds Certification in Alzheimer’s disease training from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, as well as designation as a Certified Dementia Practitioner.
Karen was awarded the 2017 Palm Beach County Medical Society *Hero in Medicine Award* for Education.

Karen has published several articles on the unique needs of patients with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers. These include *Standard, Routine Cognitive Screening: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?, Vulnerabilities of Cognitively Impaired Patients in Acute and Post-Acute Care Settings, Delirium: Still Elusive After all These Years, Managing Alzheimer’s Disease as a Chronic Illness: Reaching and Honoring the Person Within, and The Risks in Underestimating Prediabetes, the Opportunities to Grasp.*

**Fee and Registration Information**: Cost is FREE and includes 1 CE credit. To begin registration follow this link: [Alzheimer's Foundation of America | Alzheimer’s Foundation of America & Project Lifesaver International Regional Conference (alzfdn.org)](https://www.alzheimerstoday.org/event/alzheimer-s-foundation-of-america-region)  
Cancellations not necessary.

**Course Completion and CE Information**

Course completion requirements:

- Licensed social workers must attend the entire presentation and complete a course evaluation which will be handed out at the end of the presentation.
- Other professionals seeking CE credits must also attend the entire course and complete the course evaluation.
- Certificates of completion will be emailed within 10 business days of course completion.

- The Alzheimer's Foundation of America #1898, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 7/25/2023 – 7/25/2024. Social workers completing this course receive 1 general continuing education credit.

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