Strategies to Manage Wandering Behaviors

General Course
1 CE credit available

Location: The Rosen Plaza
9700 International Drive
Orlando, FL 32819
Date: October 11th, 2023
Time: 10:30am – 11:30am ET

Presentation Description: During this presentation, participants will build knowledge on Alzheimer’s disease and explore symptoms that can lead a person to go out in search of something outside of their current setting. Participants will have the opportunity to explore what it may be like to walk in the shoes of someone who is wandering to build empathy and insight into this behavior. In addition, this workshop will explore the signs and symptoms that can lead to challenges and identify strategies to better engage the individual in meaningful living and provide purpose to reduce risk and increase safety. This presentation 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. Demonstrate an understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and how a person can get lost or wander at any stage of the disease.
2. Recognize responsive behaviors as expressions of an unmet need.
3. Explain an alternate perspective of wandering as the act of walking.
4. Identify strategies to reduce the risks associated with wandering while supporting physical activity.

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: 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 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)
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 CEUs 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.