Dementia's Ripple Effect

General Course
2 CE credits
Location: LIVE INTERACTIVE Webinar
Date: January 12, 2027
Time: 10am – 12:10pm MT (10 minutes break included)

Course Description: Dementia-related illnesses affect far more than memory. Their impact extends outward, creating a ripple effect that touches individuals, families, healthcare systems, workplaces, communities, and society as a whole. This interactive course will provide a foundational overview of dementia-related illnesses while exploring the emotional, physical, social, and public health implications of cognitive decline. Participants will examine how dementia affects an individual's sense of identity, communication, relationships, independence, and overall well-being. The course will also explore the profound effects dementia can have on family systems, including caregiver stress, role changes, grief, financial strain, and social isolation. Expanding beyond the family unit, attendees will discuss the growing public health impact of dementia, including the increasing demand on healthcare systems, community resources, and long-term care services. Through discussion and real-world examples, participants will explore the importance of relationship-building, compassionate communication, and proactive support in maintaining dignity and quality of life for individuals living with dementia. The course will also highlight ways individuals, organizations, and communities can help foster dementia-friendly environments that promote inclusion, accessibility, understanding, and support. This course is fully interactive and includes instructor-led discussion, audience participation, case-based reflection, and a live Q&A session.

From this workshop you will learn to:

1. Describe the core features and progression of common dementia-related illnesses.
2. Explain how dementia can affect communication, relationships, emotional well-being, and daily functioning.
3. Identify the emotional, social, and practical impacts dementia can have on families and care partners.
4. Discuss dementia through a public health lens, including its impact on healthcare systems, communities, and society.
5. Apply strategies that support compassionate communication, relationship-building, and dementia-friendly community practices.

Program Goals and Target Audience: To educate social workers, case managers, 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

Leah Daly, MPH
Leah is the Senior Manager, Educational Programs and Services at AFA. She received her MPH from Columbia University and her Bachelors of Science in Environmental Public Health from the University of Michigan. She's been featured on numerous television, radio, and online news platforms discussing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. She's passionate about creating educational programming that is informative and compelling to any audience, no matter the topic. She's worked in education, community capacity building, and public health for over a decade. She especially enjoys creating and facilitating trainings for the community.

Fee and Registration Information: Cost is FREE and includes 2 CE credits. Please register on ZOOM by following this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/cOZB-OeRSB-eMhp6Eu_y7w

Registration remains open until start of the live webinar.

Course Completion and CE Information:

- Attendees are only eligible for CE's if they attend the ENTIRE course
- Licensed social workers must attend the entire course and complete an online course evaluation. AFA will email all registrants who attended the entire course with a link to the evaluation which is completed through SurveyMonkey.
- Other professionals seeking CEs must also attend the entire course and complete the online evaluation.
- Certificates of completion will be emailed or mailed within 10 business days of course completion.

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.

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: 7/25/2024 – 7/25/2027. Social workers completing this course receive 2 general continuing education credits. **(Please note: New Jersey is not currently covered under our ASWB accreditation, please check back soon).**

For questions, concerns, or to request special accommodations, please call: 866-232-8484 or email The AFA Education Team – education@alzfdn.org

System Requirements

- An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- Speakers and a microphone – built-in, USB plug-in, or wireless Bluetooth
- A webcam or HD webcam - built-in, USB plug-in, or:
    - An HD cam or HD camcorder with a video-capture card
      Note: See the list of supported devices.
    - Virtual camera software for use with broadcasting software like OBS or IP cameras
      Note: For macOS, Zoom client 5.1.1 or higher is required.

Supported operating systems

- macOS X with macOS X (10.10) or later
- Windows 11*
  ***Note**: Windows 11 is supported on version 5.9.0 or higher.
- Windows 10*
  ***Note**: Devices running Windows 10 must run Windows 10 Home, Pro, or Enterprise. S Mode is not supported.
- Windows 8 or 8.1
- Windows 7
- Ubuntu 12.04 or higher
- Mint 17.1 or higher
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.4 or higher
- Oracle Linux 6.4 or higher
- CentOS 6.4 or higher
- Fedora 21 or higher
- OpenSUSE 13.2 or higher
- ArchLinux (64-bit only)

Supported tablet and mobile devices

- iOS and Android devices
- Blackberry devices

- Surface PRO 2 or higher, running Windows 8.1 or higher

Notes:

- Tablet PCs running Windows 10 must run Windows 10 Home, Pro, or Enterprise. S Mode is not supported.
- Tablet PCs only support the desktop client.

Supported browsers

- **Windows**: Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+
- **macOS**: Safari 7+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+
- **Linux**: Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+

High-DPI support

- High-DPI displays are supported in Zoom version 3.5 or higher

Bandwidth requirements

The bandwidth used by Zoom will be optimized for the best experience based on the participant‘s’ network. It will automatically adjust for 3G, WiFi, or wired environments.

Recommended bandwidth for meetings and webinar panelists:

- For 1:1 video calling:
    - For high-quality video: 600kbps (up/down)
    - For 720p HD video: 1.2Mbps (up/down)
    - For 1080p HD video: 3.8Mbps/3.0Mbps (up/down)
- For group video calling:
    - For high-quality video: 1.0 Mbps/600kbps (up/down)
    - For 720p HD video: 2.6Mbps/1.8Mbps (up/down)
    - For 1080p HD video: 3.8Mbps/3.0Mbps (up/down)
    - For gallery view receiving: 2.0Mbps (25 views), 4.0Mbps (49 views)
- For screen sharing only (no video thumbnail): 50-75kbps
- For screen sharing with video thumbnail: 50-150kbps
- For audio VoiP: 60-80kbps
- For Zoom Phone: 60-100kbps