



Dementia Services Training

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It is critical that employees have the training and resources to support individuals with dementia and their loved ones. The following are some useful resources.

To continue your exploration of the topic, join [LeadingAge's Innovative Dementia Services Listserv](#). Or, send an email to [Kirsten Jacobs](#) to learn more about the Innovative Dementia Services Network.

- [National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners](#)-National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners is open to all health care professionals, front line staff and First Responders who qualify for [CDP® certification](#) and are interested in learning comprehensive dementia education, who value dementia education, who are committed to ending abuse and neglect and who value Certified Dementia Practitioner® CDP® certification.
- [Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Training](#)-online and classroom training available for healthcare professionals.
- [Knowledge and Skills Needed for Dementia Care](#)- a guide for direct care workers developed by the Michigan Dementia Coalition.
- [S.E.L.F:Memory Support Training](#)(Stimulate, Encourage, Learn, Foster)-Staff are provided with the assessment skills and planning tools to stimulate and encourage people with memory loss to reach their highest levels of participation and success.
- [Observing Quality of Life in Dementia \(OQOLD\)Toolkit](#)-An observational tool for assessing the quality of life of people with memory loss, this program helps identify the impact of specific activities on the wellness of residents/clients.
- [Insight into Memory Loss](#)-This program examines the scope of memory loss and is designed to educate staff in providing effective, meaningful and supportive services to the people they serve. To focus on the person, not the disease. Available as a train-the-trainer workshop or web course.
- [Making Sense of Memory Loss Class Leader Toolkit](#)-A training program for professionals interested in educating families and staff about caring for persons with memory loss in regards to its causes and treatments, as well as effective ways of coping now and in the future. Making Sense of Memory Loss is for anyone who cares for someone in the early stages of memory loss, whether or not that person has received a diagnosis.

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