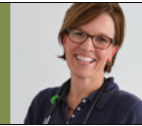




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RVNA Presents Meeting the Dementia Challenge at the Leir Retreat Center on August 16

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Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association (RVNA) is organizing an in-depth educational presentation on Tuesday, August 16 from 8:30am – 2:00pm, titled "Meeting the Dementia Challenge" at the Leir Retreat Center in Ridgefield. The journey of dementia is filled with many twists and turns, but having a roadmap can make the path less scary. Whether you are caring for a loved one, caring as a professional, or simply interested in learning more about dementia, join RVNA's chief clinical officer and medical social worker, Natalie L. Farrar and Laura Switzer, for a comprehensive explanation and discussion on this, often misunderstood diagnosis. Learn the different symptoms and stages of dementia and how to implement various coping techniques during early disease. Learn when intervention and professional assistance is needed and gain insights that can help make the challenges more manageable. This presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Tuesday, August 16 from 8:30am – 2:00pm. Breakfast and lunch will be included. Attendees should RSVP to [203-438-5555](tel:203-438-5555) as there is limited seating. The Leir Retreat Center is located at 224 Branchville Road, Ridgefield.

About the Speakers

Natalie Farrar, MSN, RN, CHPN, LNC, CDP, CADDCT, CENP is Chief Clinical Officer at RVNA and has over 30 years of experience in the health care industry, including skilled nursing, home health care, hospice and assisted living management. She has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in nursing. She is a legal nurse consultant and is certified in palliative care, hospice, and pain management. She is also a Certified Dementia Practitioner.

Laura Switzer, LCSW, ACSW received a Bachelor of Science in Public and Community Health from Southern Connecticut State University and a Masters degree in Social Work from Fordham University. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and has been with the RVNA for nearly fourteen years. As RVNA's medical social worker, Laura supports the patient and the patient's family in a myriad of ways. She supports the emotional and social aspects of care and recovery, from long-term care planning and case management to advice on ways to reduce family stress.

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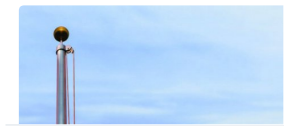
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