



Sage Eldercare to host Alzheimer's and dementia care seminar, May 27

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On Wednesday, May 27, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Deanna Butters, Director of SAGE Eldercare's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center in Summit, will be teaching a full-day seminar at SAGE Eldercare on Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care, in conjunction with the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

"This program will give an edge to those who provide care for people with dementia, regardless of the setting," noted Butters. "This is for both professionals and family caregivers."

The seminar will outline diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, communication, depression, repetitive and aggressive behavior, paranoia, personal care, pain, nutrition, activities, and end of life. The cost of the full-day seminar is \$180, which covers all of the course materials. Upon completion and application with the NCCDP, attendees can apply for their Dementia Practitioner Certification. More information can be found at nccdp.org.

Butters is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, as well as a Certified Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Trainer. Prior to joining SAGE five years ago, she was the Director of the dementia unit, Homestead, at Genesis HealthCare in Westfield. Annually, Ms. Butters serves as the Team SAGE organizer for the Alzheimer's Association's "Walk to End Alzheimer's" in Jersey City each fall and has helped raise more than \$30,000 to help fight the disease during the past ten years. She has a BS in Biopsychology from Mount St. Mary's University and a MA in Organizational Management from Ashford University.

Designed by leading professionals forty years ago, SAGE's Spend-A-Day program offers a day of stimulating, structured activities, individualized to each attendee's needs. The program, at 290 Broad St. in Summit, is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm with an option for extended hours.

For more information on SAGE's Spend-A-Day program or to register for the May 27 Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar, call 908-598-5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.

This seminar, which will take place at SAGE's offices at 290 Broad St. in Summit, is open to the public. The cost of the course is \$180, which covers the seminar materials. Attendees can apply for the Dementia Practitioner Certification from the NCCDP upon completion of the course.

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