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Future of Dementia Dialogues
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Objectives

- Mission of OSA
- Education / Training Program
- Partnerships
OSA’s Mission

• To improve long term care service
• Evidenced-based /informed education and training
• Promote healthy aging initiatives through
  • Research
  • Program Development
  • Program Evaluation
  • Education / Training
Prevalence

• Over 5 million Americans 65+
• Approximately 16 millions Americans by 2050
• 81,000 South Carolinians 65+ have Alzheimer’s disease
• 90,000 have Alzheimer’s disease or related disorder
Figure 2
Projected Increases Between 2015 and 2025 in Alzheimer’s Disease Prevalence by State

Change from 2015 to 2025 for Washington, D.C.: -1.1%
Created from data provided to the Alzheimer’s Association by Weuve et al.184,187

Increase 52%

State colors indicate prevalence increases from 14.3% to 71.9%.
“Word on the street is that the rumor mill heard through the grapevine that...”
Alzheimer’s Disease......

• Curable
• Preventable
• Contagious
• A Touch
• A Normal Part of Aging
Cognitive Health Education
Who Are These People

- 2/3 Women
- Spouses
- Daughters
- Daughters-in-law
- Sons
- Siblings
- Grandchildren
- 250,000 between the ages of 8-18 (Alzheimer’s Association, 2015)
What We Can Do

The Dementia Dialogues Experience

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Alzheimer’s Quick Facts

Worldwide it is estimated that over 35 million people have Alzheimer’s disease with approximately 5 million in the United States.

It is estimated that 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer’s by 2050.

Every 67 seconds someone develops Alzheimer’s disease in the United States.

1 in 9 individuals aged 65+ has Alzheimer’s disease.

Alzheimer’s disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States.

1 in 3 seniors die with Alzheimer’s or another dementia.

Alzheimer’s disease is the most expensive medical condition in the nation.

There are approximately 500,000 people dying each year because they have Alzheimer’s.

Are you prepared? Attain the Knowledge...Provide Awareness...Promote Understanding
Dementia Dialogues

Session 1
The Basic Facts: An Introduction to Dementia

Session 2
Keeping the Dialogue Going: Communication Skills

Session 3
It’s A Different World: Preparing the Environment

Session 4
It’s Nothing Personal: Addressing Challenging Behavior

Session 5
Now What Do I Do?: Creative Problem Solving
Partnerships/Collaboration

Healthy Connections PRIME


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"Claudia Robs a Bank"
Caregiver Help Animated Shorts