MORE THAN **6 MILLION** AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S. BY 2050, THIS NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO RISE TO NEARLY 13 MILLION.

### **MODULE TOPICS**

- The Basic Facts: An Overview of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
- Keep the Dialogue Going:Strategies for EffectiveCommunication
- 1t's a Different World:
  Understanding the Impact of the Environment & Ways to Promote Independence
- 1t's Nothing Personal: Addressing Challenging Behaviors
- Now What Do We Do? Creative Problem Solving

# SCHEDULE A TRAINING.

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# Dementia Dialogues®

Millions of Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Learn how you can help.



**Arnold School of Public Health** 

The Office for the Study of Aging is home to the Alzheimer's Disease Registry, a comprehensive statewide registry of South Carolina residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).

## BECOME A DEMENTIA DIALOGUES® SPECIALIST

Individuals who attend and complete all 5 modules of the training course will be awarded a Certificate of Completion.

Since 2001, over **21,000** individuals have been trained in at least one module and over **10,000** individuals have completed the entire course.

## WHAT IS DEMENTIA DIALOGUES®?

Dementia Dialogues® is a nationally registered and evidence-informed, intervention program. This 5-moduole training course is designed to educate community members and caregivers (formal or information) for persons who exhibit signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).

Training is offered and hosted throughout the nation by Certified Dementia Dialogues® Instructors.

Contact the Office for the Study of Aging to schedule a training for your organization or community.

#### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Dementia Dialogues® is provided at **NO COST** to participants through the Office for the Study of Aging at the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina and through funding from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Caregivers
- Families
- Social Workers
- Nurses
- Counselors
- Volunteers
- Clergy
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Personal Care Assistants

- Medical Professionals
- Activity
   Directors
- Public Health Professionals
- Emergency Responders
- Anyone who is interested

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing education (or CEUs) hours vary by state and type. Contact the Office for the Study of Aging for information on approved CEUs in your state.



# WANT TO BECOME A DEMENTIA DIALOGUES® INSTRUCTOR?

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