Collaborating for a Dementia-Friendly Washington: Inspiring Change

Event Schedule

Day 1 – Tuesday, September 29

9 – 9:15am  Welcome & Overview

9:15 – 10:30am  Keynote and Discussion: Building Dementia-Friendly Communities, Together

   Meredith Hanley, MSW. Project Director, Dementia Friendly America

   DISCUSSANTS:
   David Brown, Writer and Speaker on Alzheimer’s Disease
   Lynn Kimball, MSW. Executive Director, Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington
   Raina Croff, PhD. Assistant Professor of Neurology, Oregon Health & Science University

10:30 – 10:45am  BREAK

10:45 – 11:45am  Innovation Showcase

   • Frye Art Museum’s Creating Aging Programs, Mary Jane Knecht
   • Puyallup Library’s Memory Café, Debi Rinehart
   • Greenwood Senior Center’s early stage memory loss program and documentary, Katie Freeman

11:45am– 12pm  Program Demonstration: Music Mends Minds

   Eileen McKenzie Sullivan, Former Executive Director, Senior Services for South Sound

12pm  CLOSING
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Day 2 – Wednesday, September 30

9 – 9:15am  
Welcome

Program Demonstration: “Z-improv”

Pam Nolte, Co-Founder/Ambassador, Taproot Theatre

9:15 – 10:30am  
BREAK-OUT SESSIONS & NETWORKING

Session A  
Becoming Dementia-Friendly: The 4-Step Dementia Friendly America Process

Meredith Hanley, MSW, Project Director, Dementia Friendly America

Mark Haberman, Planning and Resource Director, Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington

Joel Loiacono, MPA and Master’s Level HCA Certificate. Regional Director for Eastern Washington & North Idaho, Alzheimer’s Association, Washington State Chapter

Session B  
Raising Dementia Awareness and Challenging Stigma: Two Innovative Approaches

Karen M Winston, MSW, Planning & Development Specialist II, Aging and Disability Services

Michael Woo, PhD, MSW, LICSW, NHA. Care Network Director, Kin On Health Care Center

Peter Trinh. Filmmaker, Director of GAPS

Session C  
Staying Active, Staying Connected: How to Start an Alzheimer’s Café and a Dementia-Friendly Walking Group

Cayce Cheairs. Dementia-Friendly Recreation Specialist, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Cecily Kaplan. Senior Programs Director, Phinney Neighborhood Association

Session D  
Dementia Friends: Engaging Volunteers to Build Community Understanding

Alisa Tirado Strayer, MSW, MPH.

Maria Holt. Program Director, Dementia Services, Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Session E  
Culturally Celebratory Approaches to Dementia-friendly Programs: Lessons Learned from the Sharp Study

Raina Croff, PhD. Assistant Professor of Neurology, NIA Layton Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease Center, Oregon Health & Science University

Session F  
Community in Harmony: How to Start a Participatory Music Program for People with Memory Loss

Erica Phare-Bergh, BMus, DipEd, MMus. Artistic Director, Voices in Motion / University of Victoria

Session G  
A Whole New (Virtual) World: Creating Connections through Online Dementia-Friendly Programs

Beth Soltzberg, LICSW, MBA. Director, Alzheimer’s/Related Disorders Family Support Program, Jewish Family & Children’s Service, Boston

10:30 – 10:45am  
BREAK

10:45 – 11:25am  
Panel: Next Steps for Our State

Thought leaders representing a variety of groups/sectors

11:25 – 11:55am  
Reflection and Small Group Discussion: Next Steps for You and Your Community

11:55am – 12pm  
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