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**PRESENTS** 

# TEEPA L. SNOW, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA

BEST PRACTICES
IN DEMENTIA CARE:
BUILDING HANDS-ON
SKILLS FOR
COMMUNICATION
AND INTERACTIONS

Tuesday
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park

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# **DESCRIPTION OF WORKING SESSION**

**TEEPA SNOW** is the best of the best. If you work in this field or are a caregiver for someone living with dementia you do not want to miss what could possibly be one of the last opportunities to see her in person. Teepa has reduced her in-person appearances and HQS is one of the few select organizations that secured an event with Teepa in 2024. Past Winnipeg trainings have sold out so register early!

This in-depth intensive workshop will help learners use effective strategies for helping people living with dementia or other forms of brain change during interactions, care delivery, and daily engagement. The session will first improve the learner's understanding of the brain changes that occur during the process of dementia with an emphasis on empathy and understanding of the condition. It will then assist learners in developing verbal and nonverbal techniques to improve communication with those living with dementia. The session will also help learners recognize and intervene effectively when behavioral challenges occur by emphasizing the value of matching helping behaviors to the person's needs and retained abilities to promote a sense of control and self-direction. Modifying the task demands, the environment, and the caregiver's approach are three key elements to improving challenging situations. These three elements combined with knowledge of the individual's background and life story, medical, psychological, and sensory conditions, and level of cognitive function will form the base for problem solving and personalized care planning. Finally, the session will help learners focus on carefully monitoring people with cognitive impairment for signs and signals of 'unmet needs' in order to intervene early and often. This effort to create a positive and caring environment rather than 'dealing with the behavior' after it is established will be promoted as a more effective model.

The overall goal of this session is to help reduce resistance to care, and foster participation and use of preserved skills for those living with brain change.

## For More Information

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# AGENDA

7:45 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 12 noon 12 noon to 1:15 Morning Session (break 10:15 - 10:30) Lunch (on your own)

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#### Morning Session:

#### Welcome. Present essential information about dementia:

A. Discuss four truths about all types of dementia

- B. Describe various brain structural changes in dementia
- C. Describe dementia changes in sensory processing and other functional changes
- D. Discuss differences among the most common forms of dementia
- E. Highlight differences between 'normal' and 'not normal' aging

#### Describe effective communication strategies in dementia care

- A. Review three key times when communication is desired
- B. Highlight key concepts that are essential in having effective communication when dementia exists including the Positive Physical Approach
- C. Introduce the concept of empathetic communication and validation

#### Afternoon Session:

#### Introduce other effective techniques for improving care

- A. Hand-under-Hand assistance
- B. Methods of cueing
- C. Time-Out signal

Describe the GEMS State progression of dementia, emphasizing what remains rather than what is lost

# Discuss typical challenging situations that often occur during dementia progression

- A. Describe the six major factors that may be used to determine causes of 'challenging behaviors'
- B. Highlight the importance of watching for signs and signals of 'unmet needs' in order to intervene early and prevent escalation of distress
- C. Demonstrate techniques for managing challenging situations scenarios using role play

Conclusion

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this session participants will be able:

- 1. to identify the different types of changes in brain structure and function during the progression of dementia.
- to describe effective combinations of multi-modal helping techniques when presented with someone with dementia at various levels of impairment, emphasizing use of their abilities that are preserved.
- 3. to describe the six key components that contribute to the behaviors seen throughout the progression of dementia.
- to compare and contrast cues that people with dementia provide to indicate the most common unmet needs that lead to distress or challenging situations.
- to use a structured and organized approach to recognizing and coping with challenging situations in dementia care by meeting needs and intervening early and often with individuals on a regular basis.
- to demonstrate verbal and nonverbal techniques to help deescalate situations when someone living with brain change is in a state of distress.

#### METHODS:

Instructor will use a combination of lecture, discussion, role play, group interaction, case discussion, and problem-solving among learners to actively engage learners in the content. Video clips, PowerPoint presentations, and role playing will be used throughout the training.

# **ABOUT THE PRESENTER**



# Teepa L. Snow, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA

Dementia care and Training Specialist Positive Approach to Care® www.teepasnow.com

Teepa Snow is one of the world's leading advocates and educators for anyone living with dementia or other forms of brain change. She is an Occupational Therapist with over forty years of rich and varied clinical and academic experience. Teepa's philosophy is reflective of her education, work experience, medical research, and firsthand caregiving experiences. Her advocacy efforts led her to the development of the GEMS® State Model for understanding the progression of dementia and changes in abilities. She also created the Positive Approach to Care® training strategies, which are effective techniques for anyone seeking to optimize care and support. As the Education Director of Eastern North Carolina's Alzheimer's Association, she also helped to create the nation's award-winning DVD entitled Accepting the Challenge: Providing the Best Care for People with Dementia. Her user-friendly approaches provide guidance and leadership to national efforts to promote best practices in care. Teepa's company, Positive Approach to Care (PAC), was founded in 2006 and is now collaborating to improve dementia care in over thirty countries worldwide. Please visit www.teepasnow.com for a wealth of information and helpful resources. Teepa presents with extraordinary expertise and humor to audiences large and small throughout the world. Please join in her mission to improve the culture of dementia care, one mind at a time.

## **Location / Hotel Discount**

CANAD INNS DESTINATION CENTRE POLO PARK

1405 St. Matthews Phone for reservations: 1-888-332-2623

When making hotel reservation please quote
"group reservation number #399741" for room discounts.
Rooms must be booked 30 days prior to conference.
Reserve early as rates are based on availability

# **REGISTRATION FEES**

### **EARLY REGISTRATION:**

#### RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024

SINGLE Full payment must be received \$260.00 on or before September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

GROUP For groups of 3 or more,

\$240.00 registration MUST be submitted PER PERSON together with full payment

by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

## **REGULAR REGISTRATION:**

### AFTER SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2024

\$280.00 Full payment must be received prior to conference date.

GROUP For groups of 3 or more,

\$270.00 registration MUST be submitted PER PERSON together with full payment

prior to conference date.

FULL-TIME For students who are attending

STUDENTS 3 or more university credit \$200.00 courses this academic term.

Full payment MUST be received

prior to conference date.

OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024
AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

**PARKING** There is plenty of FREE parking

# **Cancellation / Refund Policy**

If unable to attend, we will be happy to refund the full amount if notified IN WRITING or EMAIL 14 days prior to the conference date. OR a substitution may be made if notification IN WRITING or EMAIL is received prior to the conference.

Refunds will not be given to those participants who do not attend the conference and do not provide HQS with notice of their absence prior to the conference.

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