Free Virtual Programs & Services Available

July 2020

Care Counseling

Care Counseling services offer one-to-one support to those who are caring for someone with dementia. Whether you’re at home with your loved one, or they live elsewhere, our counselors will help you through this challenging time. We provide education, resources, counseling, coping techniques, and ideas for self-care, as well as ongoing support and care planning. Counseling is available online or by phone.

ALZ Direct Connect®

Alzheimer’s Los Angeles is accepting ALZ Direct Connect® referrals from healthcare professionals and aging service providers. ALZ Direct Connect is a warm hand-off referral made by professionals on behalf of a patient in the early stages of dementia or a family caregiver. An Alzheimer’s Los Angeles social worker reaches out to the family based on the needs specified in the referral and provides complimentary disease education and support. ALZ Direct Connect referrals always include feedback to the referring professional after contact has been made with the family.

Make an ALZ Direct Connect referral:

Virtual Support Groups

- Mondays, 11AM–12PM: Caregiver Group
- Tuesdays, 5:30–6:30PM: Caregiver Group
- Wednesdays, 3–4PM: Spanish Speaking Group
- Wednesdays, 7–8PM: Caregiver Group
- Thursdays, 11AM–12PM: Caregiver Group
- Thursdays, 1:30–2:30PM: Early Stage Caregiver Group
- Fridays, 2–3PM: Group for Caregivers of people living in a residential facility

To RSVP to any of our virtual workshops or access any of our services:
Call our helpline 844.HELP.ALZ (844.435.7259) or visit our website AlzheimersLA.org
JULY 2020 Schedule

EDUCATIONAL TALKS

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 @ 10AM
Communication & Dementia
Beginning with a basic understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and its effect, this program explores communication principles necessary to maintain meaningful connections. Using scenarios, this training offers tips and useful strategies to help with communication issues over the course of the disease.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 @ 10AM
Alzheimer’s Disease Research Update
Get an update on research findings around the symptoms, detection and causes of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Learn about the latest treatments available and what research is currently being conducted to find a cure for this disease.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 @ 11AM
Lost Memories: Short Film & Discussion
(written & directed by Jessica Silvetti)
Follow the Ramirez family in a 4-episode mini-series as they confront the challenges of Alzheimer’s when Grandma Gloria starts showing signs of memory loss. Following each episode, there will be a discussion about the warning signs, the process of getting a diagnosis, disease progression and the challenges that families face.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 @ 10AM
Dementia Specific Strategies in time of Social Distancing
Monica Moore, MSG, Community Health Program manager at the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer’s Disease Research at UCLA, will discuss the challenges that people with dementia and their care partners are faced with due to social distancing. She will also discuss strategies to alleviate these challenges and adapt to the new normal of these times. Meeting held via Zoom. RSVP at mrmoore@mednet.ucla.edu.
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 @ 5:30PM
Making Home Safe for a Person with Alzheimer’s
Learn about methods to modify your home, simple hacks and ways you can use technology to increase a person with dementia’s ability to stay at home safely.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020 @ 10AM
Staying Home, Staying Connected: Engage & Connect in Time of Social Distancing
Guest speaker Jennifer Lee is a Field Project Coordinator at the Front Porch Center for Innovation and Wellbeing. She will talk about different ways to use technology to assist those with dementia and their caregivers.

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 @ 3PM
Behaviors & Alzheimer’s Disease
A class for family members who are seeing changes in behaviors that are difficult to understand. Using the IDEA! strategy, this program aims to help individuals explore why behaviors happen, their meanings and practical tips to respond. Hosted by Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC).

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020 @ 11AM
Behaviors & Alzheimer’s Disease
A class for family members who are seeing changes in behaviors that are difficult to understand. Using the IDEA! strategy, this program aims to help individuals explore why behaviors happen, their meanings and practical tips to respond.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 @ 10AM
Lost Memories: Short Film & Discussion
(written & directed by Jessica Silvetti)
Follow the Ramirez family in a 4-episode mini-series as they confront the challenges of Alzheimer’s when Grandma Gloria starts showing signs of memory loss. Following each episode, there will be a discussion about the warning signs, the process of getting a diagnosis, disease progression and the challenges that families face.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020 @ 6PM
Behaviors & Alzheimer’s Disease
A class for family members who are seeing changes in behaviors that are difficult to understand. Using the IDEA! strategy, this program aims to help individuals explore why behaviors happen, their meanings and practical tips to respond.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 @ 10AM
Dementia Friends
Become a Dementia Friend by completing this one-hour session. Learn five key messages about dementia and develop action steps to help your community. Each participant will receive a Dementia Friend pin and become a member of this global movement developed by the Alzheimer’s Society in the United Kingdom.
Making Home Safe for a Person with Alzheimer’s
Learn about methods to modify your home, simple hacks and ways you can use technology to increase a person with dementia’s ability to stay at home safely.

ACTIVITIES

Programs available to provide engaging opportunities for everyone.
RSVP at aoh@alzla.org or 323.930.6271. Zoom link will be provided.

Laughter on Call Workshop
A simple & effective half hour comedy curriculum to create connection through shared laughter! Includes exercises to get the blood flowing and games to get the mind going. Taught by Laughter On Call expert Lauren White. Anyone is welcome to join! If you have someone with cognitive decline, please have a caregiver or a loved one there to assist them.

LA Opera “Music to Remember” Workshop
Music helps us connect to each other, our community and even to our own inner selves. Music to Remember is inspired by the powerful (and scientifically proven) role that music plays in restoring the body, soul and memory. This recital with LA Opera teaching artist Nandani Sinha stimulate remembrance and gently invite reflection through familiar and beloved songs. Of course, we encourage joyful interaction and singing-along throughout.

BasebALZ Program
BasebALZ, also referred to as “Talking Baseball”, uses baseball as a topic for reminiscence therapy. Reminiscence therapy is an approach to improve the well-being of Alzheimer's patients by invoking and discussing their memories of the past.

Online Activity Hour
You're invited to join activity specialist, Jon Schaeffer, for an hour of fun and stimulating programming in the comfort of your home, featuring a mix of music, trivia, jokes, history news and word teasers. Sit back and listen, or chime in when you choose. There will be something for everyone. It's a casual, good time!
SAVVY EXPRESS

**Savvy Express** is a 3 week program that develops the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to care for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia.

**MONDAYS, JULY 13, 20, & 27 @ 10AM–12PM**
Co-hosted by WISE & Healthy Aging and Kaiser Baldwin Park

**THURSDAYS, JULY 16, 23, & 30 @ 1-3PM**

Classes are small-group format & held virtually for 3 consecutive weeks. Computer with camera and microphone and internet access required.

Registration closes 4 days prior to the event. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Sara Mikael at 323.451.2699 or smikael@alzla.org

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**PRESENTACIONES EN ESPAÑOL**

**JUEVES, 23 DE JULIO, 2020 a las 3PM**

**Comportamientos y enfermedad de Alzheimer**

Una charla para familiares de personas con la enfermedad de Alzheimer que están batallando con cambios en los comportamientos que son difíciles de entender y manejar debido a la enfermedad. Usando la estrategia llamada ¡IDEA!, aprenderán cuáles son los comportamientos relacionados con la enfermedad de Alzheimer, sus significados e ideas de cómo responder competentemente.

Organizado por el Consejo de Servicios de Asistencia Personal (PASC).

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