

*Quarterly Seminar offered by
LeadingAge South Carolina*

Advance Your Dementia Care Expertise

*LeadingAge South Carolina is proud to
partner with the Alzheimer's Association to
bring you a comprehensive, full-day
dementia training.*

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community

8:30am to 4:00pm

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LeadingAge South Carolina is proud to partner with the Alzheimer's Association to bring you a comprehensive, full-day dementia training on April 30th — designed to equip you with the latest research, practical strategies, and meaningful professional growth opportunities.

This dynamic training will cover:

- The latest advancements in Alzheimer's and dementia research
- Proven behavioral management techniques you can implement immediately
- Guidance on supporting individuals and families with confidence and compassion
- An exclusive opportunity to register to become a trained Alzheimer's Association Support Group Facilitator

Whether you are an Administrator, Executive Director, skilled nursing professional, assisted living or memory care caregiver, Director, or Social Worker, this training will strengthen your knowledge, enhance your leadership, and empower your team.

If you've ever considered becoming a certified facilitator for dementia-related support groups, this is your opportunity to take the next step and expand your impact within your organization and community.

Invest in your professional growth. Strengthen your dementia care expertise. Make a difference for the individuals and families you serve.

Register today and join us on April 30th.

Overview Agenda

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| 8:30a - 9:00a | Registration Check-in |
| 9:00a - 10:00a | Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: Sam Wiley |
| 10:00-10:10am | Break |
| 10:10a - 11:10a | 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Sue Almon-Pesch |
| 11:10a - 11:20a | Break |
| 11:20a - 12:20p | New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment: Dr. William M. Simpson, Jr. |
| 12:20p - 1:30p | Lunch |
| 1:30p - 2:30p | Communicating Effectively: Dr. Kenyetta Morgan |
| 2:30p - 2:40p | Break |
| 2:40p - 3:40p | Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors: Dawn Seligman McKay |
| 3:40p - 4:00p | Sharing Knowledge: Alzheimer's Association Community Educator Training |

After attending this seminar, you will be able to:

- 1) List FDA-approved treatments for Alzheimer's disease**
 - 2) Explain the impact of anti-amyloid treatments on the brain, their potential benefits and side effects**
 - 3) Explain the pathways to access treatment**
 - 4) Describe the resources available through the Alzheimer's Association**
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Detailed Agenda

8:30a - 9:00a **Registration Check-in**

9:00a - 10:00a **Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: Sam Wiley**

This course helps caregivers recognize common signs of the disease in themselves and others and identify next steps to take, including how to talk to their doctor.

Sam Wiley has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Clemson University. He has 25 years' experience working in the aging and disability field. He has a background in case management and information referrals. Throughout his career he has worked extensively with individuals and families involving Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, aging, disability, and mental illness. He has held jobs with Senior Solutions, The Department of Social Services - Adult Protective Services, Appalachian Area Agency on Aging, Alzheimer's Association-SC Chapter, and Clemson University/South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. He currently serves as Community Relations for McLeod Home Care in the upstate of South Carolina.

10:00-10:10am Break

10:10a - 11:10a **10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Sue Almon-Pesch**

This course helps caregivers recognize common signs of the disease in themselves and others and identify next steps to take, including how to talk to their doctor.

Susan "Sue" Almon-Pesch is an Alzheimer's Community Educator with the South Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, where she is passionate about helping individuals and families recognize the early warning signs of the disease and better understand its impact. As a widow and senior herself, Sue's life has been deeply shaped by personal experience—having supported both a former spouse and an ex-husband through Alzheimer's. These experiences give her a unique blend of empathy, authenticity, and credibility in her work with the community.

With a professional background in marketing, Sue brings an engaging and interactive style to her educational presentations, often using creative props and real-world examples to make complex information accessible and memorable. Her ability to connect emotionally while delivering practical, actionable insights has made her a valued advocate and educator across the region.

*In recognition of her dedication and impact, Sue was honored in 2025 as the South Carolina Chapter's **Outstanding Volunteer in the Expo Category**. She currently resides in Summerville, South Carolina, where she continues to volunteer her time and talents to increase awareness, reduce stigma, and empower families affected by Alzheimer's disease.*

11:10a - 11:20a Break

11:20a - 12:20p **New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment: Dr. William M. Simpson, Jr.**

You may have heard in the news recently about new treatment advances, and we want to provide you information about those and all treatments for Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Simpson is a board-certified family physician with a certificate of added qualifications in geriatrics.

He is a graduate of Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina. He received his training in family medicine at the Medical University and has had fellowships in faculty development at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and in geriatrics at the Johns Hopkins Hospitals in Baltimore.

A member of the faculty at the Medical University for almost 40 years, he has published more than 70 papers, 12 book chapters and one textbook (two editions). He received the Distinguished Faculty Service Award of the Medical University of SC and was named South Carolina's Family Physician of the Year, both in 2004.

He was one of five finalists for National Family Physician of the Year in 2006. In 2008, he received the Halford Humanitarian Educator award from the South Carolina AHEC. He is a retired US Army Colonel, serving on active duty and in the reserves for almost 40 years. He has been married for 57 years to Elaine Bath and has two children and six grandchildren.

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12:20p - 1:30p

Lunch provided Onsite

1:30p - 2:30p **Communicating Effectively: Dr. Kenyetta Morgan**

This course teaches how dementia affects communication, including tips for communicating well with family, friends and health care professionals

Dr. Kenyetta Morgan was born in Columbia, SC and has been a registered nurse for over 15 years, with over 12 of those years being directly involved with the care and advancement of the dementia/Alzheimer's community. She began her career as a nursing assistant, where she discovered her love and passion for the dementia/Alzheimer's population, then later went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master's in Business Administration/Healthcare Administration, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Nurse Executive Leadership from Baylor University. She is an ANCC Nationally Board Certified Nurse Executive, and is also certified as a Dementia Training Practitioner through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP).

She began her volunteer service with the Alzheimer's Association in San Francisco California in 2019. After returning home to South Carolina to care for her mother, she continued her commitment to service to the Alzheimer's community as a community educator for the Alzheimer's Association. As an adjunct nursing professor, she believes education is key. "Dementia/Alzheimer's education should be readily accessible in all geographical areas, communities and environments; dementia/Alzheimer's exist in all these areas, including places of worship...so should the coexistence of ongoing education and support. "

2:30p - 2:40p Break

2:40p - 3:40p **Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors: Dawn Seligman McKay**

This course details common behavior changes and how they are a form of communication, non-medical approaches to behaviors and recognizing when additional help is needed.

Dawn Seligman McKay is a Social Worker who has worked with Long Term Care facilities and Alzheimer's patients and families for 30 years. While working with LTC facilities she traveled the state of Indiana helping design Memory Care Units and developing Behavior programs for different companies. She also owned her own Care Management company for over 20 years helping families navigate the care of their loved ones,

Dawn ran an Alzheimer's Support Group for 26 years in Indianapolis and runs the Bluffton group for the last 2 years. Dawn's focus has always been helping staff and families understand how to communicate with a memory impaired individual along with providing knowledge on behaviors that may occur without escalating the behavior. For the last 16 years Dawn has been an Oncology Massage Therapist working with Breast and Head/Neck cancer patients. She continues to work with families when asked to help guide them through this journey.

4:00p **Sharing Knowledge: Alzheimer's Association Community Educator Training Overview: Debbie Schneider, Alzheimer's Association, SC Chapter**

Ms. Schneider will give an overview of the Community Educator Program and answer questions.

4:15p **Adjourn**



Registration Form

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LeadingAgeSC Member Registration fee.....\$ 95.00
 Non-Member Registration fee\$125.00

- **Please EMAIL your registration** to bbouknight@leadingagesc.org to reserve your spot
- All checks payable to LeadingAge South Carolina
- **Registration Deadline is Thursday, April 16, 2026**

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