

Counseling People with Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease: A Tale of Revolution and Evolution

A new framework will be presented that shows how the various emotional, practical, and lifestyle issues facing people with early dementia are interwoven. At its core is the strong counseling relationship, which empowers people to acknowledge their impairments while also building on their strengths.

3.0 Continuing Education Units offered

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WHEN: June 12, 2013, 1 pm - 4 pm

WHERE:

Rock Hall, UCSF Mission Bay Campus
1550 4th Street
San Francisco, CA 94158

Registration required:

education.kintera.org/earlystagealzheimers
Early registration ends Friday, May 31

Parking and transportation information can be found here: *<http://eir.ucsf.edu/maps/directions-to-ucsf-mission-bay/>*

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About the Speaker:

Robyn Yale is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over 30 years of experience in the fields of Aging and Alzheimer's disease. In 1986, she pioneered the innovative "early stage support group", which gave people with Alzheimer's disease an opportunity to talk with one another and better understand the illness. She was among the first to promote early stage awareness and services, and facilitate collaboration between professionals around the world in this area.

Robyn's group model has been widely replicated internationally through her book and training presentations in over 100 cities spanning five continents. Her work received the national MindAlert Award from the American Society on Aging. She also developed a model of memory loss support groups for residents of assisted living that was implemented in many communities.

Robyn's new work around individual counseling for people with early dementia was developed in collaboration with the Georgia Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. It resulted in her forthcoming second book, entitled "Counseling People with Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease: A Powerful Process of Transformation" (Health Professions Press).

3-Hour Program Outline:

1:00 - 2:00	Identifying and Addressing the Special Challenges Facing People with Early Dementia
2:00 - 3:00	The Counseling Approach, Relationship, Techniques, Process, and Goals
3:00 - 4:00	Family Issues, Program Development Considerations, Evaluation, and Case Studies

Learning Objectives:

1. Develop the ability to work with each person's different pace and process of acceptance upon learning that their diagnosis is early stage Alzheimer's disease
2. Examine coping strategies for the many interconnected ways one's life is affected by having early dementia
3. Learn to use a new framework for identifying and addressing early stage challenges, and evaluating counseling efforts
4. Explore the key elements of a successful therapeutic alliance, which results in both parties becoming enriched and transformed