



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Free Educational Program for Town and Community Employees** ***Alzheimer's Disease: What You Need To Know***

Hyannis, Mass., – Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services will host several free educational programs in 2016 for Cape Cod town and community employees. This training program is designed to provide a basic understanding of how to work with individuals and families who have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Community programs will be held on April 12 in Dennis, April 19 in Sandwich, May 10 in Hyannis, June 7 in Wellfleet and June 14 in Orleans.

The program topics include:

- Overview of Alzheimer's and its disease progression
- How Alzheimer's disease changes a person's ability to communicate
- Understanding difficult behaviors and how to manage them
- Identifying family stress, abuse and neglect and how to intervene
- Communication approaches for positive interactions

This program is funded by a grant from Cape Cod Healthcare Community Benefits and the Cape Cod Foundation. The training program has been approved by OEMS for six hours of continuing education.

“With one in nine over the age of 65 affected by Alzheimer's, it's vital that caregivers and medical professionals continually learn about the ever-changing field of Alzheimer's disease and dementia,” said Diana Franchitto, president & CEO, HopeHealth. “This educational program is geared to help Cape Cod become more dementia friendly. Due to overwhelming demand and need for this program and with the generosity of the Cape Cod Healthcare Community Benefits and the Cape Cod Foundation, we're able to offer several sessions throughout the Cape.”

Space is limited and priority attendance is given to nonprofit, police, fire, ambulance services and town employees on Cape Cod. Registration is required. Register online at [HopeDementia.org](http://HopeDementia.org) or call (508) 775-5656.

### **Dates and locations**

Dennis Police Training Room, Dennis Police Station, 90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis, MA 02660

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sandwich Hollow Golf Course, 1 Round Hill Road, East Sandwich, MA 02537

Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Barnstable Police Training Room, Barnstable Police Station, 1200 Phinney's Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wellfleet Council on Aging, 715 Old King's Highway, Wellfleet, MA 02667

Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Orleans Council on Aging, 150 Rock Harbor Road, Orleans, MA 02653

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call (508) 775-5656 or visit [HopeDementia.org](http://HopeDementia.org).

**About [HopeHealth](#)**

[HopeHealth](#) has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 35 years. In 2012, Alzheimer's Services of Cape Cod & the Islands affiliated with the non-profit organization to enhance and expand its programs and community services. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of services for people with serious illness and their families. The HopeHealth family of services in Massachusetts includes: Hope Hospice; Hope HouseCalls; [Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services](#); and Hope Academy. The Massachusetts Pain Initiative is an affiliate of the organization. Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, formerly Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, affiliated with HopeHealth in 2016. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting [HopeHealthCo.org](http://HopeHealthCo.org).

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