

# ADVANCED DEMENTIA

Alleviating Distress, Increasing Comfort

Including People Who Have Experienced Life Traumas Such as the Holocaust or Military Service



## FREE CONFERENCE

FOR ADMINISTRATORS, NURSES, SOCIAL WORKERS  
AND OTHER HOMECARE/HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

LIMITED  
SPACE

Approved for 3.0 complimentary CEUs  
for LNHA/ALAs and for NY Social Workers

2 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

ROCKLAND COUNTY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

QUEENS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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## SESSION DESCRIPTION

The fundamental premise underlying all care for people with dementia is that behavior is communication. This is not a new concept and it is an essential part of all training programs in dementia care. These behavioral expressions are almost always signs of distress, and as the disease progresses, behavior rather than words become the primary mode of communication for most people living with dementia. Comfort—preventing or relieving distress—becomes a cornerstone of care for people with advanced dementia. Special attention will be given to identifying strategies for addressing the role earlier life trauma (such as the Holocaust, or military service) can play in causing distress for people with dementia.

Staff trained in dementia care is necessary but insufficient. Organizational systems must be aligned to support a comfort approach and to insure staff efforts are effective. This presentation will address the organizational systems, practices and processes that need to be in place in order to effectively deliver dementia-capable care.

## PRESENTERS

**Ann Wyatt, MSW**, is currently the Consultant for Palliative and Residential Care at CaringKind (formerly the Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter), working to promote innovative, comprehensive palliative care programs for people with advanced dementia. Formerly a nursing home administrator, she has helped to develop a variety of innovative long-term care projects, including Independence Care System, a managed long-term care plan for younger people with disabilities. As Planning Director for the Village Nursing Home AIDS Project, she helped develop the first AIDS adult day health program in the country. For several years she was the Associate Director of the Office of Long-Term Care at the NYC Health & Hospitals Corporation.

She is currently the Chair of the Board of Isabella Geriatric Center, an affiliate of MJHS Health System, is a founding director of Music and Memory, Inc. (the iPod project), and has published numerous articles and book chapters on various long-term care issues.

**Elisa Stern, LCSW, ACSW**, is the Director of Supportive Services in Bikur Cholim Chesed Organization's Project for Holocaust Survivors in Brooklyn, New York. In the 18 years that she has worked with Holocaust survivors, Ms. Stern has built a system of care from the ground up, by examining holes in the local network of senior services available to them. Culturally sensitive programs developed include a geriatric care management initiative for Holocaust survivors who are aging without children or involved family; a home-visiting geriatric psychiatry service; wellness programs for seniors with cancer, diabetes and low vision; a men's retiree program for Holocaust survivors; and a volunteer corps of isolated seniors who find meaning and renewed connection through the act of giving. She frequently collaborates and consults with other agencies in the creation of trauma-informed care for Holocaust survivors, and provides case consultation to a consortium of senior-care programs in Brooklyn. Ms. Stern created and coordinated a monthly educational series for professionals who work with Holocaust survivors nationally, and facilitates a professional Facebook group for over 175 colleagues who assist Holocaust survivors in English-speaking countries. She is a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Target Audience:** Administrators, Department Heads, Nurses, Social Workers, Case Managers, Recreational Therapists, and other homecare/healthcare-based professionals

**Continuing Education:** We are unable to grant CEU credits to participants who come after the program starts or leave early. Must be present for the entire conference to be eligible for complimentary CEUs. No partial credit will be available.

3.0 CEUs are approved by NAB for NLHA/ALAs. 3.0 Social Work Contact Hours are available through CaringKind for NY social workers for this live, in-person training.

To receive 3 CEUs, social workers must attend the full course, and complete an evaluation. Please mail the evaluation form to Ann Wyatt, CaringKind, 360 Lexington Ave, 3rd Floor, New York City, NY 10017 or fax to 212.697.6158. You must mail/fax your completed evaluation form for your certificate to be emailed to you.

CaringKind SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0068. Social workers will receive the following type and number of credits: General Social Work Practice 3.

**Cancellation Policy:** If you are not able to attend, please inform us so the space may be offered to another. In case of inclement weather, participants will be notified of changes by email.

**Questions:** For additional information please contact [sbloxenheim@bicco.org](mailto:sbloxenheim@bicco.org) or call 718.438.2020, ext. 7432.

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There is no charge to attend these events, however registration is required due to limited space. To register, please fax this form to 718.853.5144, or send to sblozenheim@bicco.org. Confirmation will be emailed to all registrants.

Rockland County Lunch  
Wednesday, February 13

Rockland Jewish Family Service  
450 West Nyack Road  
West Nyack, NY 10994

1:15pm-1:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm-3:45pm	Program
3:45pm-4:00pm	Break
4:00pm-5:00pm	Program

(Complimentary parking)

Queens Breakfast  
Thursday, February 14

Margaret Tietz Nursing & Rehabilitation Ctr.  
164-11 Chapin Parkway  
Jamaica Hills, NY 11432

8:30am-9:00am	Breakfast
9:00am-11:00am	Program
11:00am-11:15am	Break
11:15am-12:15pm	Program

(Complimentary valet parking at the front entrance on Chapin Pkwy)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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