

## Call For Workshop Presentation Proposals Guide

### CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

Sponsored annually by the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter Network, this three-day conference draws together over 800 professional and family caregivers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois. This audience includes nurses, social workers, adult day care staff, nursing home administrators, physicians, home health care providers, family caregivers and persons with dementia.

### WORKSHOP TOPIC IDEAS

Each workshop session is 75 minutes in length. Workshops may be panel discussions, team presentations or presented by a single trainer. Workshops may be repeated and those requiring more time may utilize two sessions. In a recent survey of conference attendees, subject areas identified below were highly recommended.

**We suggest workshop proposals compliment these areas.**

WORKSHOP TOPIC TRACK	Areas of Interest
<b>Behavioral Challenges</b>	Anger, hostility, communication strategies, cultural issues, environment, safety, male/female differences, sexuality, depression, pharmacological/non-pharmacological approaches
<b>Other Dementias</b>	Lewy Body disease, vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Korsakoff's syndrome, late stage HIV, Alzheimer's and Down syndrome, Alzheimer's and alcohol, signs & symptoms of other dementias, medical treatments, appropriate medications
<b>Family Issues</b>	Relationships, home environments, nutrition, advocating, family challenges, pets, building relationships with medical systems, patient interactions, spirituality, safety, caregiver support, respite, early onset issues, driving concerns, financial and legal issues, assessing the need for a care facility, communications
<b>Research / Prevention / New Initiatives</b>	Research updates, pharmacological updates, environmental impacts, alternative therapies, technology advances, prevention strategies
<b>Early Onset</b>	Areas that address the younger person with Alzheimer's, i.e. signs and symptoms, family impact, care planning, work-related issues
<b>Early Stage</b>	Signs and symptoms, community resources, care options, care planning, mild cognitive impairment, family impact
<b>Late Stage care and programming</b>	End-of-life issues, ethics, hospice, grief support, communication, spirituality, comfort care, environment, nutrition, socialization, caregiver support, respite
<b>Activities</b>	Recreation, music, art and physical therapies, adult day services, pet therapy, alternative approaches
<b>Ethical &amp; Legal Issues / Boundaries</b>	Driving issues, accessing long-term care, artificial nutrition & hydration, diagnostic disclosure, pets, financial and legal decisions, safety issues in the home, medication administration, research participation
<b>Quality of Care / Staff Development</b>	Workforce management, assessing need for change of residence, staff training, cultural sensitivity, communication with patients and families, responsibility/liability

### WORKSHOP SELECTION PROCESS

All proposals are reviewed by the conference planning committee. No more than 4 presenters per workshop. Accepted workshops entitle each presenter to one (1) complimentary registration to attend the three-day conference.

Travel & lodging expenses are the speaker's responsibility. Notification will be made by December 1.

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### To Submit a Proposal

- The Workshop Proposal Cover Sheet (enclosed) must be included with your proposal narrative.**
- Proposals must be received by October 23, 2009.**
- Mail, fax or e-mail your proposal(s) to:** Kathy Davies, *Conference Coordinator*  
1600 Post Road • Plover, WI 54467  
E-mail: kathy.davies@alz.org.

**For more information, contact the Alzheimer's Association nearest you or the conference planning office at #715.344.2457.**

# WORKSHOP PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

24th Annual State Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders  
May 2-4, 2010 • Kalihari Resort & Convention Center • Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Please use this cover sheet to submit your Workshop Presentation Proposal. Attach no more than three pages of written materials. All proposals must be received by **Friday, October 23, 2009**.

**Presenter Information:** (Please list additional presenters on an attached sheet – include complete contact information for each – no more than 4, please. The presenter listed here will be the key contact for the group.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHOP TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Topic Track** (Check the topic this session best fits. See descriptions on previous page.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Behaviors               | <input type="checkbox"/> Activities                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Late Stage Alzheimer's              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Issues           | <input type="checkbox"/> Research / New Initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Stage Alzheimer's             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Dementias         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Issues/Boundaries  | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Care / Staff Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Onset Alzheimer's | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____                         |

**Audience Knowledge Level** (To assist our audience in selecting sessions that meet their skill levels & educational needs more effectively.)

- Entry / Basic Level** – For persons new to Alzheimer' care looking for basic information about the disease process and special care strategies.
- Mid Level** – For persons who have a basic knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and care. These persons may have been caregivers for 3 or more years or have completed basic level trainings.
- Advanced Level** – For persons with a solid background in Alzheimer's care, i.e.experienced professionals
- This session addresses an innovative model that is appropriate for all skill levels.

**Workshop Length:**  This workshop can be offered in one, 75-minute session.  
 This workshop requires 90 minutes. (90-minute session available Tuesday only.)  
 I would be willing to repeat this session, if requested.

**Preferred Presentation Date:**  Monday, May 3  Tuesday, May 4  No Preference

**Please address these questions on a separate sheet of paper.  
Limit your responses to no more than two (2) additional sheets.**

1. General description of your presentation and summary of what will be learned in this session. This description will be summarized for the conference brochure.
2. A 'summarized' description that can be used in the conference announcement brochure. 3-5 lines, please.
3. Speaker's credentials – Include a brief resume identifying educational studies, degree/major, pertinent qualifying experience as a presenter/trainer (in content area and in instruction). Include a brief description of your current job responsibilities.
4. Please provide 2-3 references of persons who have participated in your presentations. Names, organizations, phone # and email addresses, please.

**Submit completed cover sheet, and attachments, by October 24, 2008, to:**

Kathy Davies, Conference Coordinator

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