

join us for an alzheimer's association caregiver workshop

END OF LIFE CARE: Providing care and comfort during the final stage of Alzheimer's disease

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11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Ward Warehouse

Kaka'ako Conference Room

Elaine Slavinsky, MEd, MPH, RN, Maui Program Director for the Alzheimer's Association, has served the people of Hawaii since 1976 as a registered nurse on Maui, for over 24 years at Maui Memorial Hospital where she served as Director of Nursing, 5 years, Kula Hospital and Hana Community Health Center; Queen's Medical Center, O'ahu; and Kona Community Hospital, Hawaii. She also served as Clinical Director at Hospice Maui. Slavinsky has been teaching on a part time basis at both MCC and the University of Phoenix for the past 10 years.

The late stage of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias may last from several weeks to several years.

Intensive, around-the-clock assistance is usually required.

A person with late-stage Alzheimer's usually:

- Has difficulty eating and swallowing
- Needs assistance walking and eventually becomes bedridden or chair-bound
- Needs full-time help with personal care, including toileting
- Is vulnerable to infections and pneumonia
- Loses the ability to communicate with words

For the person with late-stage Alzheimer's disease, it is important to focus on preserving quality of life and dignity. The person should always be treated with compassion and respect.

The Alzheimer's Association suggests ways to provide care and comfort, and maintain a connection with the person with late-stage Alzheimer's disease for the end of life. Learn more about:

- Body and skin
- Bowel and bladder function
- Food and fluids
- Infections and pneumonia
- Pain and illness
- Spiritual connection

Seating is limited. To register or for information:

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