

The Learning Institute™ is the leader in dementia education. As an affiliate of the national Alzheimer's Association, we are able to contribute to and offer the most up-to-date research and resources available.

The Learning Institute™ is the exclusive trademark of the Alzheimer's Association Rochester, NY, and we're proud to be the only provider of such high caliber services in our area.

# Developmental Disabilities & Dementia Education

presented by

**The Learning Institute™**

The *only* local experts in dementia-specific, culturally sensitive, caregiver education.



## An Aging Population

The likelihood that more individuals with developmental disabilities will develop Alzheimer's disease or related dementias is increasing. Improvements in medicine and living circumstances are allowing persons to live longer, and age is the biggest risk factor for developing dementias, particularly Alzheimer's. Compound this with the approaching increase in the 65+ population due to aging baby boomers, and the prevalence of age-associated diseases suddenly intensifies.

Persons with developmental disabilities affected by dementia have a variety of special needs, and they reside in a variety of settings: with families or friends, in independent arrangements, in group living residences, and in long term care facilities. Many providers are just beginning to define responses to the increasing presentation of dementia among people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and challenged to avoid institutionalization or the referral to inappropriate settings.

The majority of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia should have the opportunity to remain in their community with

sufficient and appropriate supports, education, and services to promote aging in place. Education is crucial to ensure the highest quality of care – both professional and family caregivers need the knowledge and tools to handle the challenges of Alzheimer's disease throughout its progression.

## The Learning Institute™

*Specialists in dementia specific, culturally appropriate educational programs and consultative services for caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and dementia.*

- Offering customized courses for professional and nonprofessional caregivers
- Focusing on a person-centered philosophy – Edinburg Principles – of promoting individual strengths, capabilities and wishes
- National leader in dementia education, located in Rochester, NY
- Disseminating state of art techniques and the latest knowledge to those who seek it
- Accredited provider of New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) services

## Services Offered

### On-Site Education & Consultation

*Comprehensive, highly tailored programs that include on-site visits, assessment, and educational programs, as well as interactive applications, experiential training materials, and online applications.*

Assessment of Need  
(\$250, up to 25 employees)

- Key stakeholders and decision makers are brought together and led through a process that identifies the unique needs of the organization, overviews the resources of the Learning Institute™, and crafts a strategic educational plan to develop caregiver skills for the benefit of the consumer(s).

Launch Event  
(\$300, 3 hours, up to 500 employees)

- Discuss Aging, Dementia, and Developmental Disabilities
- Describe the Assessment, Education, Integration (AEI) Model for Dementia Care, based upon The Edinburgh Principles
- Outline effective interventions for persons with dementia



- Describe the overall design and goals of dementia education

Individualized, Person Centered, Culturally Sensitive Modules  
(\$150/hour, up to 25 employees)

- Case study approach
- Over 85 topical, customized curriculums

Environmental Assessment  
(\$250/hour)

- Renovations
- New construction
- Sensory diversity
- Minimize environmental press
- Maximize safety and security
- Summary report within 45 days