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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM (DDSSP) — FREE WEBINAR SERIES

The Developmental Disabilities Supportive Services Program (DDSSP) at the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter provides education programming and behavioral consultation to agencies and individuals caring for people with developmental disabilities and dementia or those at risk for developing dementia.

Join us for our **Free Webinar Series**. Learn more below and register today!



Upcoming programs and registration links are listed below. All webinars take place on Thursdays from 12–1:30 p.m. Each program offers 1.5 free nursing and social work CEs. For more information, call **800.272.3900** and ask about DDSSP or visit alz.org/gmc.

Jan. 12 – Introduction to Dementia in Individuals with I/DD

People with developmental disabilities (DD) are living longer than ever, and with longer life comes an increased risk of dementia. Join us to learn the risk of dementia for those with developmental disabilities; the unique signs and symptoms of dementia in this population; and how to best respond to changes in behavior, personality, communication, and self-care abilities.

Register [here](#).

Jan. 23 – Healthy Living: Protecting the Brains of Individuals with I/DD

People with developmental disabilities are living longer than ever. As a result, it's important for clinicians to have the knowledge base to help them take care of their brains for a long, healthy life while aging. In this training, attendees will learn the factors that may increase a person living with a developmental disability's risk of dementia and the ways that their brain health can be supported through healthy habits.

Register [here](#).

Feb. 9 – Communication Changes in Individuals with I/DD and Dementia

Come learn how communication can change for people with DDs who develop dementia, as well as how caregivers can modify their own communication to be best understood by those they support.

Register [here](#).

Feb. 23 – Behavior and ADL Changes in Individuals with I/DD and Dementia

Behavior and ADL changes are common symptoms of dementia and may require different interventions than responding to behaviors caused by a DD. This training is designed to help attendees learn more about dementia-related behavior and activities of daily living (ADL) changes in those with DD. Topics include common changes; strategies to help decipher the root cause of the change; and how to best respond to and support individuals.

Register [here](#).

March 9 – Home Safety and Environmental Modifications for Individuals with I/DD and Dementia

Working with people who have a developmental disability and dementia can pose quite the challenge. However, there are modifications that can be made to the home environment to help ensure safety and independence. In this presentation, we will discuss how to assess the environment and the person for safety, learn about safety issues for different stages of dementia, and learn about dementia-friendly environments and modifications that can be made.

Register [here](#).

March 23 – Activity Planning for Individuals with I/DD and Dementia

Engaging people with DD and dementia in activities is important. Involvement in structured and routine activities can decrease agitation, increase mood, and provide meaningful opportunities for engagement in life. This session will teach participants how to design and implement activities for people with DD during each stage of dementia.

Register [here](#).

April 6 – Dementia Screening and Diagnosis for Individuals with I/DD

Dementia in those with a developmental disability may not look like what you expect. In this training, attendees will learn the common changes that may indicate dementia in those with a DD, when and how to use two screening tools to record changes that may indicate possible dementia. This training will also help you determine when to refer to a diagnosing physician for further investigation and the components of a comprehensive dementia diagnosis.

Register [here](#).

April 20 – End of Life Issues for Individuals with I/DD and Dementia

Dementia is a progressive disorder and Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in America. In this training, attendees will learn what dementia looks like in the late stages; strategies and resources to maximize quality of life; and why commonly used medical interventions for those with DD may not be useful for those with late-stage dementia.

Register [here](#).

Our highly-trained professionals also offer free Behavior Management Consultations and Activity Planning Consultations via webinar or in-person within our service area. Contact our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900 for more information.



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