

More free classes and other programs are being added all the time! Check out alz.org/CACentralCoast for the latest info

or by calling 800.272.3900

Register at bit.ly/ALZeducation



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has dementia, how to make plans for your future, and more.

Our free support groups offer a safe, confidential environment where family caregivers and people living with dementia can share their experiences to learn from each other.

We offer free classes that address a wide range of questions, including basics about the disease, how to talk to a person who

Find our monthly calendar at alz.org/CACentral

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2023 CENTRAL COAST WALKS SEPTEMBER 30 | SANTA MARIA

at Waller Park

OCTOBER 14 | SANTA BARBARA

at Chase Palm Park

OCTOBER 21 | EAST VENTURA

at the Promenade in Westlake

NOVEMBER 4 | SAN LUIS OBISPO

at Mission Plaza

Start or join a Walk team and participate in the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds

for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Help fight the darkness of Alzheimer's and dementia by participating in The Longest Day®!

FUN DO GOOD

PICK YOUR ACTIVITY & FUNDRAISE FOR A GOOD CAUSE! alz.org/tld,

Questions about fundraising? Contact Karen Ortiz,



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kdortiz@alz.or

MARCH 1ST | 2PM - 4PM Dementia Friendly One-Stop Resource Fair

No registration required

Register at bit.ly/CCCSocialClub

MARCH 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH | 3PM - 5PM Add your name to the waitlist at bit.ly/CCCSavvy

Ventura County Area Agency on Aging 646 County Square Drive, Suite 100 | Ventura, CA 93003

MARCH 15TH | 5:30PM - 7PM Advancing the Science:
Healthy Aging Club St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church 660 Pismo Street | San Luis

Obispo, CA 93401



Register at bit.ly/crrsbnorth
The Latest in Alzheimer's &
Dementia Research Wisdom Center of
Santa Maria
2255 S. Depot Street | Santa Maria, CA
93455

MARCH 9TH 10 - 11:30AM



MARCH 19TH 12PM - 2PM Register at bit.ly/CCCpurplesunday

6PM - 10PM

Email kdortiz@alz.org

Alzheimer's Kickoff
Party Courthouse Tavern
129 E. Anapamu Street |
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Purple Sunday Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church 855 South F Street | Oxnard, CA 93030



MARCH 17TH SB Walk to End

MARCH 23RD | 10 - 11:30AM Healthy Aging Club

Register at Church 660 Pismo Street bit.ly/CCCSocialClub San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

St. Stephen's Epis YOU'RE INVITED!



- 8PM Email
kdortiz@alz.org
SLO Walk to End
Alzheimer's Kickoff
Party Antigua Brewing
Company 1009 Monterey
Street | San Luis Obispo, CA
93401

MARCH 28TH 5:30PM

Parkinson's Annual Symposium

APRIL 1ST | 9AM - 3PM

Register at mypasb.org

Elks Lodge

150 N. Kellogg Ave | Santa Barbara, CA 93101

APRIL 5TH | 9AM - 4PM Virtual Caregiver Conference

Register at bit.ly/alz2023 Register today for login information! Hosted online via Zoom.



APRIL 13TH | 10 - 11:30AM Healthy Aging Club

Register at bit.ly/CCCSocialClub St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

93401

660 Pismo Street | San Luis Obispo, CA



14TH Miss Daisy's
9 - 11AM Consignment &

Email Auction House

cccprograms@alz.org 3845 State Street |
 or call Santa Barbara, CA

805.617.0249 to register
93105

Memory Cafe at Miss Daisy's

APRIL 26TH | 11AM - 1:30PM Your Brain Matters Luncheon

Visit alz.org/cacentralcoast to purchase tickets

633 East Cabrillo Blvd. | Santa Barbara,

CA 93101

Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort



APRIL 27TH | 10 - 11:30AM Healthy Aging Club

Register at bit.ly/CCCSocialClub
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
660 Pismo Street | San Luis Obispo, CA

No registration required
93401

APRIL 28TH



APRIL 29TH Alzheimer's & Dementia 101 Afternoon with the

Chumash Tribal Hall 100 Via Juana Road | Santa Ynez, CA

Register at bit.ly/CCCabuelos

Abuelos Carpinteria Children's

Project Auditorium

5201 8th Street | Carpinteria, CA



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Facebook:

to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Alzheimer's and other dementias can cause people to act in different and unpredictable ways. Some individuals become anxious or aggressive. Others repeat certain questions or gestures. Many misinterpret what they hear. These types of reactions can lead to misunderstanding, frustration, and tension, particularly between the person living with dementia and his or her caregiver. It's important to understand that the person is not trying to be difficult and the behavior can be a form of communication.

These four steps can help you understand and respond to these behaviors in a constructive way that maintains the person's dignity. You can apply these steps to any situation.

Step 1: Detect and Connect

Join the person's reality and see the world through their eyes

Understand the person's reality in context before intervening: Who? What? Where? How?

Approach the person calmly and respectfully

Be kind and helpful in your tone and words

Step 3: Address Emotional Needs

Think about how the situation feels to the person

Focus on the feelings, not the facts Reinforce that you are there to help them through this

Use your knowledge of the person's preferences

Redirect the energy into a more

soothing activity

Step 2:

Address Physical Needs

Look at medical issues first, starting with pain and medication issues

Address physical needs such as hunger, thirst, or needing to use the restroom

Address environmental triggers for discomfort, such as restrictive clothing, room temperature, lighting, glare, or noise

Step 4:

Reassess and Make a Plan

Go back to detecting and connecting What went well and what didn't? How can you make adjustments? Create an intervention plan that includes who can help with assessment and intervention, what to try and in what order, and what to do if the situation escalates

The Alzheimer's Association is here to help 24/7 Call our Helpline at 800.272.3900 or visit us online at alz.org



The terms "dementia" and "Alzheimer's" are often used as though they mean the same thing. They are related, but there are important differences between the two.

DEMENTIA

Dementia is not a single disease; it's an overall term - like "heart disease" - that covers a wide range of specific medical conditions, including Alzheimer's disease. Disorders grouped under the general term "dementia" are caused by abnormal brain changes. These changes trigger a decline in thinking skills (also referred to as "cognitive abilities") severe enough to impair daily life and independent function. They also affect behavior, feelings and relationships.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia. It makes up 60% to 80% of all dementia cases. Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging - it's a progressive brain disease, meaning it gets worse over time. Two abnormal brain structures called plaques and tangles are the main features of Alzheimer's disease. Scientists believe they damage and kill nerve cells. Plaques are pieces of a protein fragment called beta-amyloid that build up in the spaces between nerve cells. Tangles are twisted fibers of another protein called tau that build up inside cells.

OTHER CAUSES OF DEMENTIA

Vascular Dementia

A decline in thinking skills that is caused by conditions that block or reduce blood flow to various regions of the brain, depriving them of oxygen and nutrients.

Frontotemporal Dementia

progressive nerve cell loss in the brain's frontal lobes (behind your forehead) or its temporal lobes (behind your ears)

Alzheimer's

Disease Vascular Dementia

DEMENTIA

A group of disorders caused by

Lewy Body Dementia

Progressive dementia caused by abnormal

deposits of Lewy Bodies that damage brain cells over time.

Frontotemporal

Dementia Lewy Body Dementia

APRIL 2023

ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The following classes are hosted via Zoom. Advanced registration is required to ensure that you receive login information. Register at bit.ly/ALZeducation.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Central Coast Caregiver Conference

Dementia Conversations

Tuesday, April 4th | 2 - 3pm

Effective Communication Strategies Thursday, April 6th | 10 - 11am

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body Tuesday, April 4th | 11 - 12pm

Managing Money:

A Caregiver's Guide to Finances Thursday, April 27th | 6 - 7:15pm Living with Alzheimer's

for Caregivers of those in Mid Stage Part 1: April 12th | 11 - 12pm

Part 2: April 19th | 11 - 12pm Part 3: April 26th | 11 - 12pm

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Thursday, April 6th | 1 - 2:30pm

Understanding & Responding to Dementia-related Behaviors
Thursday, April 6th | 6 - 7:15pm

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia Thursday, April 20th | 1 - 2:30pm **Wednesday, April 5th | 9am - 4pm** *An online drop-in webinar with six guest speakers touching on a range of topics important to all caregivers and anyone interested in learning more about dementia.* **Learn more and register at bit.ly/alz2023**

Thrive with Pride: Becoming a Compassionate Caregiver Wednesday, April 12th | 4 - 5pm

Registration is required. If you need assistance, please contact us at cccprograms@alz.org or call 805.892.4259

Conozca las 10 Señales De Advertencia

Miércoles, 12 de abril | 5:30 - 6:30pm

Conversaciones de demencia

Jueves, 13 de abril | 6:30 - 7:30pm Presented online via Zoom *Register at tinyurl.com/alzthrivewithpride*

APRIL 2023

IN-PERSON EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The following classes are hosted throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties. Registration is encouraged. Register at bit.ly/ALZeducation.

SPECIAL EVENTS Senior Resource Fair

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Thursday, April 6th | 11 - 12pm Housing Authority Apartments 401 South C Street, Oxnard 93030

Promoting Your Brain Health Wednesday, April 26th | 10 - 11am Montecito Library 1469 E Valley Road, Montecito 93108

Living with Alzheimer's

for Caregivers of those in Early Stage Wednesday, April 19th 10 - 11:30am

Saint Barnabas' Episcopal Church 301 Trinity Ave, Arroyo Grande 93420

Cuerpo y Cerebro Sano es Vida Sana Viernes, 14 de abril | 10 - 11am

St George Community Center 1022 E. Mason Street, Santa Barbara 93103

Información para Entender la Enfermedad de Alzheimer

Lunes, 3 de abril | 4:30 - 5:30pm Villa La Cumbre Apartments 521 N. La Cumbre Rd, Santa Barbara 93101

Alzheimer's and Dementia 101: Understanding the Disease

Saturday, April 1st | 11 - 11:30am St William's Catholic Church 6410 Santa Lucia Road, Atascadero 93422

Monday, April 3rd | 4:30 - 5:30pm Villa La Cumbre Apartments 521 N. La Cumbre Road, Santa Barbara 93101

Saturday, April 8th | 9:30 - 10am Veteran's Hall 1025 Guadalupe St, Guadalupe 93434

Friday, April 28th | 11 - 12pm Help of Ojai 108 Montgomery Street, Ojai 93023

Friday, April 28th | 12 - 1pm Chumash Tribal Hall 100 Via Juana Road, Santa Ynez 93460

Healthy Aging Club

An Active Social Club for those living in the early stages of dementia

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10 - 11:30am

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 1344 Nipomo St, San Luis Obispo

Thursday, April 27th | 10 - 1pm Presidio Springs 721 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara 93101 Dia del Niño
Sunday, April 30th | 8 - 2pm
Domingo, 30 de abril | 8 - 2pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Iglesia de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 427 N Oak Street, Santa Paula 93060

Tarde con los Abuelos
Afternoon with the Abuelos

Sábado, 29 de abril | 11 - 1pm Saturday, April 29th | 11 - 1pm Carpinteria Children's Project 5201 8th St, Carpinteria 93013

MMEEMMOORRYY CAFÉ

A social gathering for people experiencing mild to moderate memory changes and their loved ones to connect, engage and have fun!



Miss Daisy's Consignment 3845 State St, Santa Barbara

RSVP to cccprograms@alz.org

or call/text 805.617.0249

DISEASE EDUCATION:

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

This class teaches the latest research in the areas of diet & nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Participants will learn to incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

This one-hour program covers typical age-related changes, common warning signs of Alzheimer's, how to approach someone about memory concerns, the benefits of early detection, the diagnostic process, and Association resources.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Participants will learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available.

ESPECIALLY FOR CAREGIVERS:

Effective Communications Strategies

This class teaches caregivers to decode verbal and behavioral communication by someone with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Caregivers will learn strategies for maintaining a meaningful connection at each stage of the disease.

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-related Behavior Learn a four-step model to address some of the most common behaviors associated with dementia. Identify common triggers, how to assess your loved one's needs, and how to intervene effectively.

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning.

Register at or call

PLANNING AHEAD:

Managing Money: A Caregivers Guide to Finances

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Dementia Conversations

This program provides tips for breaking the ice with loved ones so you can address some of the most common issues that are difficult to discuss: going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans for future care.

EN ESPAÑOL:

Cuerpo y Cerebro Sano es Vida Sana

Únase a nosotros para conocer las investigaciones en las áreas de dieta y nutrición, ejercicio, actividad cognitiva y participación social, y use herramientas prácticas que lo ayudarán a incorporar estas recomendaciones en un plan para el envejecimiento saludable.

Conozca las 10 Señales De Advertencia

Participe en esta clase para que aprenda cuales son las 10 Señales de Advertencia de la enfermedad de Alzheimer. Aquí nosotros separamos los mitos de la realidad y discutimos los temores que la gente en América tiene acerca del Alzheimer. Escuche a personas que tienen la enfermedad hablar acerca de su experiencia y aprenda como reconocer las señales de advertencia en usted y otros.

Información para Entender la Enfermedad de

Alzheimer y la Demencia

La enfermedad de Alzheimer no es una parte normal del envejecimiento. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está afectado por la enfermedad de Alzheimer o la demencia, es el momento de conocer los hechos. Este programa proporciona información sobre detección, causas y factores de riesgo, las etapas de la enfermedad, el tratamiento y mucho más.

Favor de registrarse a

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VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS Register at alz.org/CRF or call 800.272.3900

These groups meet online via Zoom or Google Meet. Register in advance to receive login information.

Days each month Time Facilitator Information Groups for Family &

Friend Caregivers

2nd Friday 2:30 - 4pm Dina O. / Oxnard 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7 - 8:30pm Joan H. /

Thousand Oaks 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday 10 - 11:30am Elsa F. / Thousand Oaks 3rd

Wednesday 5:30 -7pm Jenny M. / Arroyo Grande

3rd Thursday 1 - 2:30pmRenee K. / SLO In partnership with CCRC

4th Wednesday 1 - 2:30pm Joan H. / Thousand Oaks Every Wednesday 2:30 - 4pm

Hannah H. / Thousand Oaks Groups for Younger Onset

2nd Tuesday 12 - 1:30pm Email ywyte@alz.org for info

Not sure which group is right for you?

Visit <u>alz.org/CACentral/helping-you</u> and use our flowchart to find out which group will be best for you and your situation.

Days each month Time Facilitator Information Groups for Adult Child Caregivers

1st & 3rd Thursdays 9:30 - 11am Hannah H. / Thousand Oaks 2nd Wednesday 5:30 -

7pm Wynette W. / SLO 3rd Wednesday 7 - 8:30pm Carrie S. / Thousand Oaks

Groups for those with Memory Loss & their Care Partners

1st, 2nd & 3rd

Thursdays1 - 2:30pm Joan H. & Jordana L. / Oxnard Groups for those who have

Lost a Loved One to Dementia 2nd Tuesday 7 - 8pm Tami P. / Agoura Hills Grupo de Apoyo en Español

3er sábado 11 - 12:30pm Sergio C. / Oxnard

"These group meetings lift my spirits and make me feel that I am not alone."

- Testimonial from a Support Group attender

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IN-PERSON SUPPORT GROUPS

These groups meet in-person at locations throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. COVID-19 safety guidelines may be in effect. Contact the facility directly to inquire.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

2nd Monday 3:30 - 5pm Dennis P. Cambria Connection 1075 Main St., Cambria 93428

Dementia & Anticipatory Grief11 - 12pm Hospice of SLOHospice of SLO 2nd Tuesday

1304 Pacific Street, San Luis Obispo 93401

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Registration required through Hospice of SLO. Register at

hospiceslo.org/support-groups or call 805.544.2266 Hybrid: Also available via

Zoom1 - 2:30pm Jenny M. Grace Bible Church

2nd Wednesday

100 Rodeo Dr., Arroyo Grande 93420

Respite avail. through CAPSLO1 - 2:30pm Elana P. American Riviera Bank 3rd Friday
1601 Spring St., Paso Robles 93446

4th Tuesday

For Spouse Caregivers10 - 11:30am Charlene K. Coastal Peaks Coffee Shop 3566 S. Higuera St., Suite 100, San Luis Obispo 93401

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

For people in the very early stages10 - 11am Jackie M. Valle Verde Community Room 1st Wednesday

900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara 93105

1st Thursday 10 - 11:30am Luciana M. **Villa Alamar** 45 E Alamar Ave

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 1 - 2pm Joe W.**All Saints-by-the-Sea** 83 Eucalyptus Lane, Santa Barbara 93108

Respite care available2 - 3pm Joe W. Friendship Center 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
89 Eucalyptus Lane, Santa Barbara 93108

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 2 - 4pm Carlos B. Faith Lutheran Church 1335 Vallecito Place, Carpinteria 93013

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CONT.

2nd Tuesday 10:30 - 12pm Steve K. Westmont Mariposa 190 Via Jero Ave, Goleta 93117

For spouse Caregivers3 - 4:30pm Karen A. Maravilla Senior Living Library 2nd Tuesday
5486 Calle Real, Santa Barbara 93110

2nd & 4th Mondays 3 - 4:30pm Karen A. San Vicente Club House Library 340 Old Mill Road, Santa Barbara 93110

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 - 12pm Gina B. **Carpinteria Library** 5141 Carpinteria Ave, Carpinteria 93013

For spouse caregviers3 - 4:30pm Karen A. Valle Verde Community Room 2nd & 4th Thursdays
900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara 93105

3rd Tuesday 3 - 4:30pm Deborah B. **Oak Cottage Memory Care** 1820 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara 93101

4th Tuesday 3 - 4pm Don B. Santa Maria Wisdom Center 2255 S Depot Street, Santa Maria 93455

VENTURA COUNTY

1st Friday 10 - 11:30am Elsa F. **Senior Concerns** 401 Hodencamp Road, Thousand Oaks 91362

For LGBTQ+ Caregivers1 - 2:30pm Brenda B. Goebel Adult Center 1st & 3rd Monday
1385 E Janss Road, Thousand Oaks 91362

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5:30 - 7pm Nabi R. & Jodi B. **Aegis of Ventura** 4964 Telephone Road, Ventura 93003

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2 - 3pm Maureen M. Covenant of Grace Church 1801 Joliet Place, Oxnard 93030

VENTURA COUNTY, CONT.

1st & 3rd Fridays 9:30 - 11am Petra O. Goebel Adult Center 1385 E Janss Road, Thousand Oaks 91362

1st & 3rd Thursdays 10:30 - 12pm Lisa K. Simi Valley Senior Center 3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley 93063

2nd Saturday 10 - 11:30am Mark S. **Oakmont of Moorpark** 13960 Peach Tree Hill Road, Moorpark 93021

2nd Saturday 10:30 - 12pm Petra O. Sunrise Senior Living of Westlake 3101 Townsgate Road, Thousand Oaks 91362

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9:30 - 11am Jordana L. Cypress Place 1200 Cypress Point Lane, Ventura 93003

2nd & 4th Mondays 10 - 11:30am Deidre D. Gables of Ojai 701 Montgomery Street, Ojai 93023

2nd & 4th Fridays 11 - 12:30pm Janie Gruman Oakmont of Camarillo 305 Davenport Street, Camarillo 93012

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