

GEM CENTER MENTOR

Description

The GEM Center Early Memory Loss Family Support Program is a direct care provider, first-responder, clearinghouse and technical assistance center for NC families and professionals seeking information about memory disorders and/or family care, elder care decisions and linkages to services and supports.

GEM will provide the following support in the form of training in dementia care:

- ✓ Accepting the Challenge /DVD (ALZNC) certificate
- ✓ DCPA Qualified Dementia Care Provider (AFA)
- ✓ On-going training in Dementia Care, Services and Supports

Education/Experience Qualifications

Bachelors degree in gerontology, adult counseling, nursing or social work and/ or direct service experience with older adults with memory disorders and their families Excellent writing, communication, and organizational skills Must work well with multi-disciplinary or interdisciplinary teams, culturally diverse populations and persons with a range of health literacy skills

Description of Responsibilities

1. Attend /Facilitate three monthly "SUP+PER CLUB Meetings" that are support groups for family caregivers and persons with dementia
2. Respond to individual consultations from "SUP+PER CLUB" families or professionals seeking services or information about elder care or memory disorders.
3. Provide community presentations on memory disorders, healthy brain aging and family caregiving
4. Write care features for newsletters and online distribution
5. Assist with identifying and scheduling speakers & entertainment for The SUP+PER CLUB Family Caregiver Support Program workshops and meetings.
6. Provide brief educational programs on elder care, healthy brain aging or family care for area churches, civic or community groups
7. Provide direct support/mentor families attending "The SUP+PER CLUB"
8. 4 hours a week, start date about June 1, 2011

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