

# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.

## THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH APRIL 2025

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<http://www.dcrinc.org/>

### APRIL SUPPORT GROUPS

JUST KNOW you are not alone.



ARAVILLA Clearwater

→ Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 - 2:45PM

3055 Union St. 33759 (727)260-2826

[A.murphy@aravillaclearwater.com](mailto:A.murphy@aravillaclearwater.com)



The INN at FREEDOM SQUARE (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

→ Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> - 1:30PM-3PM

10801 Johnson Blvd. - Seminole 33772

(727)398-0363

[damigodeana@freedomsquarefl.com](mailto:damigodeana@freedomsquarefl.com)



Room #607

→ Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 - 3:45PM

420 Bay Ave. Clearwater (727)445-4788

Anita M. [actdir@clearwateroaks.org](mailto:actdir@clearwateroaks.org)



### PHONEY BALONEY

One Act Play – Comedy – About SCAMS!

FREE Tickets! Reservations for FREE general seating can be made by going to this link:

<https://sagestheater.org/events>

(727)202-2302

Matinees from 2:00-3:30 pm

→ Sunday, April 6 – Central Park

Performing Arts Center in Largo

→ Saturday, April 12 -- Catherine Hickman

Theatre in Gulfport (5501 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. South)

→ Saturday, April 19 -- Murray Theatre

Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater



FREE Medicaid SEMINARS at these Libraries

Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> Palm Harbor 2:00PM

Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> Largo 2:30PM

Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> Seminole 2:00PM

### Myth:

Medicaid only covers nursing home care.

### FACT:

Medicaid covers various long-term care services, including nursing home care, assisted living, and home and community-based services. Eligibility for these services may vary by state and individual needs, and some programs, like home and community-based services, aim to keep individuals in their homes rather than in institutions.

Qualifying for home and assisted living Medicaid care in Florida requires the individual to first get on a priority wait list.

For a free consultation, call: (727)539-0181

<http://www.virtuallawoffice.com/>

### SCAMS

Hundreds of fraudulent sites sending fake SunPass texts asking for money or logins have been shut down, according to the state Attorney General's office. The toll pass scam has been seen elsewhere, but Florida has the most toll roads in the United States with over 734 miles of toll roads, bridges, and causeways. People should be aware of various scams, including phishing, identity theft, romance scams, bank examiner scams, online shopping scams, tech support scams, advance fee loan scams, gift card scams, credit repair scams, traffic citation scams, and skimmers. This can be expensive and devastating to families to recover and secure their credit and too often a vulnerable relatives' financial life.

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## ADVANCE PLANNING

We listen in our support groups to caregivers who are not prepared for the final part of this journey. So many are caught unawares of having a pre-need contract in place for the day that will come sooner or later for their Loved One. It is best to have a plan in place so you do not have to make arrangements that can be very costly, and when you are in a state of distress. Our best advice is to speak with a knowledgeable professional who understands all of the questions, concerns, legalities, services, and costs. You can pre-pay and be all set. This information will be invaluable to your family and to the facility that takes care of your loved one.

If you would like to set up an appointment to get more information, our professional, compassionate referral person is Mark Grande at Eternal Cremation Services in Dunedin. (727)804-1702

<https://eternalcremations.com/en/>

**'Taking Care'** is a new documentary that follows actor Seth Rogen and his wife Lauren as they cared for her mother Adele who had early-onset Alzheimer's. **Taking Care** imparts a message of hope, resilience, and the profound impact individuals can have when they seek solutions to society's greatest challenges.

<https://www.takingcarefilm.com/>



## SUNDOWNING

People with Alzheimer's disease may become agitated or aggressive as the disease gets worse. Agitation means that a person is restless and worried, and they aren't able to settle down. Agitated people may pace a lot, not be able to sleep, or act aggressively toward others. They may verbally lash out or try to hit or hurt someone. When these problems start to happen or worsen in the late afternoon or early evening, it's called sundowning.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/alzheimers-changes-behavior-and-communication/coping-agitation-aggression-and-sundowning>

Free for Family Caregivers

**Connecting Caregivers Conference**

Where You Can Find Help & Hope

From the comfort of your home!

**May 6, 7, & 8, 2025**

**Register Today!**

<https://connectingcaregiversconference.com>

Sessions will be recorded and shared with registered participants

**Your donations make all the difference!**

**WE ALWAYS NEED USED INK CARTRIDGES**

**Earth day is April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Please Recycle!)**



♥ 28+ years of assisting caregivers ♥

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