

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.

THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH FEBRUARY 2024

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SUPPORT GROUPS

How do I start to take care of myself again? Join us to find solutions & comfort in knowing you are not alone on this journey.

Bay
Wood

Senior Living **BAY WOOD SENIOR LIVING**

→ **Thursday February 8th 10:30AM - Noon**

8980 - 49th Street N. Pinellas Park 33782

(727) 546-4053 or sales@baywoodsl.com



Wentworth Central Ave.

→ **Thursday February 8th 2:00-3:30PM**

6280 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL 33707

(727)513-6922

Rebecca.Weitzel@wentworthcentralavenue.com



OAKS of Clearwater

→ **Monday February 12th 3:30-4:30PM**

420 Bay Ave. (727) 445-4788

Anita M. actdir@clearwateroaks.org



PACIFICA Belleair

→ **Tuesday February 13th - 2:00PM-3:30PM**

620 Belleair Road - Clearwater, FL 33756

(727) 467-9464 ad.belleair@pacificaseniorliving.com



ARAVILLA Clearwater

→ **Tuesday - February 13th 4:30- 5:30PM**

3055 Union St. (727) 260-2826

A.murphy@aravillaclearwater.com



The INN at FREEDOM SQUARE

→ **Wednesday February 14th - 1:30PM-3PM**

10801 Johnson Blvd. - Seminole 33772

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The Law Office of Sean W. Scott

Assists families across the state of Florida with estate and incapacity planning, long-term care, probate, trusts, Medicaid benefits, veterans' benefits, and other legal issues related to the aging process.

Attend a FREE Seminar in February:

FRIDAY February 2nd – 2:30PM Largo Library

MONDAY February 5th – 2PM Seminole Library

TUESDAY February 6th – 2PM Palm Harbor Library

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

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



The IRS has a \$17,000 per year gifting limit (2023) and is based upon the federal estate and gift tax. The reality is that giving away assets within five years of applying for Medicaid for you or your loved one may have unforeseen consequences. It is always best to consult with your Elder Law attorney before you make a gift.



There are many clinical trials going on nationally and locally. Accel has free Alzheimer's screenings, dementia, mild cognitive impairment, PTSD, and Long-Covid studies to name a few current studies. Clinical trials are at the core of medical advancements. These trials help develop new treatment, prevention, or detection strategies, which means improving healthcare and quality of life for persons affected by diseases or health conditions. There are research sites locally. St. Pete/Largo - Bardmoor Area (727)347-8839 8250 Bryan Dairy Road – Largo, Florida 33777 <https://accelresearchsites.com/find-a-trial/>



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POSTERIOR CORTICAL ATROPHY (PCA)

PCA overwhelmingly predicts Alzheimer's, researchers have found. Some 94% of the PCA patients in a recent study had Alzheimer's pathology and the remaining 6% had conditions like Lewy body disease and **frontotemporal lobar degeneration**. In contrast, other studies show that 70% of patients with memory loss have Alzheimer's pathology. Unlike memory issues, patients with PCA *often struggle with judging distances, distinguishing between moving and stationary objects, and completing tasks like writing, and retrieving a dropped item* despite a normal eye exam. Most patients with PCA have normal cognition early on, but by the time of their first diagnostic visit, an average of 3.8 years after symptom onset, mild or moderate dementia was apparent with deficits identified in memory, executive function, behavior, and speech and language. Most patients see their optometrist when they start experiencing visual symptoms and may be referred to an ophthalmologist who may also fail to recognize PCA. Better tools in clinical settings may be the next step to identify and help these patients early on.



♥ 25+ years of assisting caregivers ♥
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Your donations make all the difference!
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According to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE on AGING:

“Many people who are developing or have dementia **do not** receive a diagnosis.”

→ One study showed that **physicians were unaware of cognitive impairment in more than 40% of their cognitively impaired patients.**

→ Another study found that **more than 50% of patients with dementia had not received a clinical cognitive evaluation.**

→ **Among primary care physicians, more than 55%** would hesitate to inform their patient that they suspected they have a form of dementia. This statistic contrasts sharply with over 90% of people with breast cancer, colorectal cancer, lung cancer or prostate cancer who had been told of their diagnosis. *There are 17 Memory Disorder Clinics in Florida:* <https://elderaffairs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-MDC-Map.pdf>

We have several NEW and Ongoing Support Groups. The need is increasing constantly, and when you find the right group, and make new friends with people who truly understand what you are going through, it is not so lonely anymore. You have been validated in your anger at the disease, and often find solutions to deal with unwanted behaviors and personal care needs. Join us! We would love to meet you! See first page for Dates, Places & Times.



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