

# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.

## THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH JUNE 2024

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

### SUPPORT GROUPS

Join us to find solutions & comfort in **knowing you are not alone** on this dementia journey.



#### The OAKS of Clearwater

→ Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30PM

420 Bay Ave. (727) 445-4788

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



#### ARAVILLA Clearwater

→ Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30- 2:45PM

3055 Union St. (727) 260-2826

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



#### The INN at FREEDOM SQUARE

→ Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM-3PM

10801 Johnson Blvd. - Seminole 33772

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**LEWY BUDDIES** are volunteers who are current or former care partners or those living with Lewy Body Dementia who provide direct telephone-based support to others on the journey as a peer and mentor. These connections are requested and made with Support staff through connecting at [Support@LBDA.org](mailto:Support@LBDA.org) (or message through our Lewy Line at 1(800)539-9767 and making the specific request.)

<https://www.lbda.org/>



#### The Law Offices of Sean W. Scott

Sean has a brand-new brochure that is full of really important information, and why you need to get your pre-planning documents updated. Did you know that the **Durable Power of Attorney** is one of THE MOST important documents that a person will need to have? Please make sure it is current and written properly so that financial institutions will accept it hassle free. Attend a free seminar:

→ Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> **Seminole** Library 2:00-4:00

→ Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> **Palm Harbor** Lib. 2:00-4:00

→ Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> **Largo** Library 2:30-4:30

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

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

#### Assisted Living Choices and Information

Surveys say that at least 40% of people needed to look into assisted living choices in a hurry due to illness or falls. Assisted living is a type of residence for older adults who need daily care, but not as much care as a skilled nursing home provides. In an assisted living community, the resident may receive prepared meals, housekeeping, medication management, and personalized help with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as bathing, dressing, or using the bathroom. Because assisted living is regulated at the state level, (FL has over 3000 ALF's!) services available to residents will vary depending on your location. There are often many kinds of social and recreational activities available. Start looking into this kind of living arrangement early. Knowing what options are offered, costs, and who manages the residents and staff can be very helpful to inquire about ahead of time, especially when you are under the gun to make a quick decision.

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### BAKER ACT

Maxine Baker, a former Florida state representative (Dade County), sponsored the Act, which was passed in 1971. Most states have enacted legislation that is similar to the Florida Baker Act, but each state has its own name for its specific legislation. This is the Pinellas County Clerk of Court Info about how to go about this procedure. (Thank you, Jeannie!)

### BAKER ACT

An Ex Parte Petition for Involuntary Examination (Baker Act) may be filed if there is reason to believe that a person is mentally ill and because of his or her mental illness:

- the person has refused voluntary examination and/or is unable to determine whether an examination is necessary,
- the person is likely to suffer from neglect and the refusal could threaten his or her well-being, or
- a substantial likelihood that without care or treatment, the person will cause serious bodily harm to him/herself or others in the near future.

The person must be in Pinellas County and his/her whereabouts must be known; the person cannot be in jail.

A Baker Act can be filed by anyone who completes a petition, as sworn written testimony, describing the person's actions which they observed and which they believe meet the above listed criteria.

Completion of the petition is a request of the court to order the person's involuntary transportation to and examination at a designated mental health facility.

If the court finds the criteria have been met, a court order will be issued authorizing the Sheriff to pick up and transport the person to the nearest designated facility. A psychiatrist must examine the person within 72 hours to determine if they need involuntary placement for treatment of mental illness. If they do, the facility will petition the court for a hearing within 72 hours.

There is no filing fee required to file a Petition for Involuntary Examination (Baker Act). You may request, complete and file a Petition for Involuntary Examination Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Clerk's Clearwater Courthouse, St. Petersburg Branch and North County Branch locations.

For more information, call Probate Court Records at (727) 464-3321 or visit [www.mypinellasclerk.org](http://www.mypinellasclerk.org).



### What is the VA PACT Act 2024?

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. As of March 2024, the Veterans Administration (VA) opened up eligibility for toxic exposed veterans to enroll in VA Health Care without first having to prove a service-connected disability and regardless of their deployment location, nearly ten years earlier than called for in the PACT Act. The VA already presumed many additional illnesses resulted from exposure to toxic, hazardous materials, such as Agent Orange, mustard gas, lewisite, PFAS, radiation, burn pits, Camp Lejeune water contamination, and asbestos. Presumptive conditions include: asthma that was diagnosed after service, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Parkinsons, High blood pressure, and/or hypertension, certain cancers and more.

Go to [www.va.gov/PACT](http://www.va.gov/PACT) to file a supplemental claim, contact your primary care team to schedule your toxic exposure screening if not already completed. – and apply – anytime by visiting [VA.gov/PACT](http://VA.gov/PACT) or calling 1-800- MY-VA-411. You can also check with your county veterans service office, or your local American Legion or VFW post to see if they have a service officer who can assist the veteran.

**Your donations make all the difference!**

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♥ 27+ years of assisting caregivers ♥

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