

# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.

## THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH NOVEMBER 2023

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### SUPPORT GROUPS

A loved one has been diagnosed with a form of dementia or you may have just placed your Loved One in a memory care community and you're wondering what now? What do I do next? Where is this leading? Join us to find solutions.

→ No meetings in December.



#### The INN at FREEDOM SQUARE

Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM-3PM

10801 Johnson Blvd. - Seminole 33772

RSVP: Eric Kane (727) 398-0363

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



BELLEAIR

Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00PM-3:30PM

620 Belleair Road - Clearwater, FL 33756

For more info, Call: (727) 467-9464

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November 14, 15, and 16, 2023

Featuring more than 20 presenters!

<https://connectingcaregiversconference.com/presenters/>

→ Register for this free online event at:

<https://connectingcaregiversconference.com/register/>



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

A knowledgeable elder law attorney that is sensitive to your needs can be your most valuable asset. Navigating the often confusing and emotional territory of elder law can help to ease the financial and practical burdens that may happen if you or loved ones become ill or disabled.

Attend a FREE Seminar in November:

FRIDAY Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30PM Largo Library

MONDAY Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 2PM Seminole Library

TUESDAY Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2PM Palm Harbor Library

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

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



**Medicare** deems 'Dementia' as *custodial or companionship care* – “We don't consider dementia a medical issue.”

So, when a person can no longer translate commands to his muscles —and the brain is not working properly, this certainly seems like a medical issue. A person cannot clean themselves properly, use the bathroom, take medications, get dressed, walk unaided, cannot be left alone, have no short-term memory, may act out and have hallucinations. Then family has to step in and try their best to find services, support, \$\$ to pay for the everyday needs, create a support team and find their lives are in major trouble in every way imaginable – financially, physically, emotionally and to top it off they are feeling like the health care system is not there for their Loved Ones critical ongoing health care needs.

<https://apple.news/AzColuLv6TEOHXnwms8jrxA>



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There are so many services and programs available to families in need – we have listed some of the many ways to get assistance:

### Pinellas County TRANSPORTATION

Wheelchair accessibility and mobility on demand is available for people who cannot take a regular transit vehicle. Riders who need door to door transit or for routes and schedules, may call: (727)540-1800 or visit: [www.psta.net](http://www.psta.net)

**The SAVVY Caregiver Program** is for you if you are providing care for a family member or friend who is living with Alzheimer's or a related dementia at home: This is a nationally recognized dementia caregiver training program associated with the Pasco-Pinellas Area Agency on Aging. Call Terri Toner (727)570-9696 ext.160 to register.

View the new '**Medicare & You**' handbook online at <https://www.medicare.gov>

The **SHINE** (*Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders*) programs through the Department of Elder Affairs offers FREE unbiased health insurance counseling. 1(800)963-5337 <https://www.floridashine.org/>

The **HOPE** Study for Alzheimer's Disease [www.hopestudyforad.com](http://www.hopestudyforad.com)

### Florida's 17 Memory Disorder Clinics and Brain Bank Information

Comprehensive diagnostic and referral services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

<https://elderaffairs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-MDC-Map.pdf>

### Diversity in Clinical Trials:

USF BYRD Alzheimer's Institute  
(813)974-9383  
[colombok@usf.edu](mailto:colombok@usf.edu)

**LIGHTHOUSE** for the Blind & Visually Impaired Independent Living training, Vocational Rehab, Coping with Vision Loss and more: (727)544-4433 [www.lhpfl.org](http://www.lhpfl.org)

### Pinellas County Department of Veteran Services

A VA service-connected disability is an injury or disease that was incurred in or aggravated beyond normal progression during active military service. Service-connected disabilities can apply to both physical and mental health conditions. (727) 464-8460

<https://pinellas.gov/va-service-connected-disabilities/>

<https://pinellas.gov/veterans-survivor-benefits/>



♥ 25 years of assisting caregivers ♥

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