



WEST VIRGINIA BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES

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Seven West Virginia Communities Will Receive Grants to Make Services More Dementia-Capable

Join West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services Commissioner Robert Roswall, Bureau staff, the Alzheimer's Association and members of the DOTS (Dementia-Capable Outreach, Training and Support) Leadership Team on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at 1:00pm at Embassy Suites in Charleston to meet the seven community grantees (from Morgantown, Shepherdstown, Charleston, Weston, Williamson, Beckley and Elkins), and learn about their diverse projects and the importance of dementia-capable communities.

Grant funding is available through the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, the state unit on aging, as part of a larger three-year grant from the Administration for Community Living and the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center. The goal of Connecting the DOTS in West Virginia is to improve quality of care and increase access to comprehensive services for individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia and their family caregivers. The Bureau is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter, and other organizations to increase the knowledge and skills of health professionals, community gatekeepers and family caregivers to effectively serve families in their homes and communities who are dealing with Alzheimer's or a related dementia. For the purpose of this grant, community is defined as people who live in the same location (neighborhood, town, county) or groups that share common interests (faith communities, provider agencies, organizations, businesses, etc.) that will work together to improve their community's ability to serve individuals with dementia.

Registration (name and number attending) is required for this event. To register, contact Allyson Hager at the Bureau of Senior Services, allyson.a.hager@wv.gov or 304-558-3317.

Groups interested in participating in this program will have another opportunity to apply for a dementia-capable community grant later this year. At least eight additional grantees will be selected. To receive the grant announcement or for other grant-related questions, please contact Nancy Cipoletti at the Bureau of Senior Services, nancy.j.cipoletti@wv.gov.

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