

# Palliative Care for People with Dementia

Why preventing and relieving distress matters for persons living with dementia and those who care for them



## Join us for this transformative approach to care for elders with dementia

In the absence of a medical cure or effective treatment for Alzheimer's and other dementias, families and professional caregivers look for solutions to the distress older adults experience. Palliative care is discovering and taking active steps to comfort, give pleasure and prevent unnecessary pain. It is not about giving up. The more advanced the dementia, the more palliation has to offer, but often it isn't considered an option for people with dementia. When someone with advanced dementia is experiencing distress, his/her actions, rather than words are most likely to communicate that distress. All too often behavioral expressions are not understood as distress, but rather assumed to be the inevitable consequences of the dementia itself.

Ann Wyatt, MSW, Caringkind NYC, will share expertise and insight on a comfort-focused care approach based on a ground-breaking program for persons with dementia. She is the Project Coordinator for the Palliative Care Project of *Caringkind NYC* (formerly the Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter), working to establish innovative, comprehensive palliative care programs for people with advanced dementia. Ms. Wyatt is a published author. She has served as Adjunct Faculty in the Milano Graduate School of the New School. She serves on the board of Music and Memory, Inc. - the iPod project. Ann has extensive experience assisting adults with long-term care at home and in facilities. Ann is a long-time advocate for quality person-centered care and environments.



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**Friday, September 16, 2016      1:00 - 4:00 PM**  
**Johnson County Library, Carmack Community Room**  
**9875 W 87th St., Overland Park, Kansas**  
**Professionals: \$15 materials fee ~ Free for family caregivers**

**Space is limited ~ RSVP required by Sept. 14**  
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