

PANDA PROJECT NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING ALZHEIMER'S 'N DEMENTIA ASSISTANCE

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Dementia causes a group of symptoms that affect memory, thinking, and social abilities due to changes in the brain. Alzheimer's is the most common type of Dementia.

Encouragement to Start Your Day

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

-Maya Angelou



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Recent Dementia News

What is the new treatment for Alzheimer's?

Leqembi™ (generic name lecanemab) is the latest medication for Alzheimer's. Like Aduhelm, the FDA also fast-tracked its approval, which happened in January 2023. And in July 2023, the agency granted full approval of the drug, meaning Medicare will provide coverage under certain conditions.

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PANDA Continues to Grow

To date, PANDA has enrolled 113 persons with dementia and 86 caregivers on the program.

In-office News

PANDA Project spoke to Northwood Hills Baptist Church on April 11th, 2024 to their senior group. The seniors were able to receive some PANDA merchandise as well as learn about all of the programs the Area Agency on Aging offers. PANDA is scheduled to speak at Calvary Baptist Church on May 30th, 2024. If you would like your senior group to learn about PANDA/Dementia/Agency services call Taylor to schedule a day to come speak to your group!

Caregiving Tip of the Month

Use the word "Let's..." to encourage cooperation and participation.

ex.) Let's go to the table for lunch.



Event Recaps

PANDA with additional staff at the Area Agency on Aging has been reading to Elementary schools in our area about dementia and exposing the children to how we can better support our loved ones with dementia. This is the third year in a row that the agency has been able to go into local schools and we hope we are able to continue!

Upcoming Events

The Area Agency on Aging has been busy so far this year and has even more planned, and you are all invited! The Fraud Awareness Summit is scheduled for April 23rd, 2024 from 9:30am-12pm at Church of the Highlands in Tuscaloosa. The Partners in Care Training with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America is scheduled for May 8th, 2024 at Ridgecrest Baptist Church from 9am-4pm. The agency is also excited to celebrate Senior Appreciation Day on May 23rd with hundreds of seniors from all 7 counties that the agency covers, the event will be from 9:30am-2:30pm!! Come have fun with us!

To see more events, view our agency calendar [CLICK HERE](#)

Dementia Supportive Item Spotlight

Rangehood Fire Suppressor

Stovetop Fire Stop Range hood protects your kitchen 24/7 from unattended cooking fires. This is helpful for people who may forget they were cooking and maintain their safety and independence.



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Local Resource Spotlight

Mom's Meals

Mom's Meals provides home-delivered, medically tailored meals designed by registered dietitians and professional chefs.

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Alabama Senior Nutrition Program

This Nutrition Program is offered by the Area Agency on Aging

for more information on the program and how to get on the waiting list:

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