



Connect 4 Dementia

Resource Folder

Connect 4 Dementia – connecting volunteers and clients with resources and health professionals

“Connect 4 Dementia” is a twelve-month 08/09 project funded by the Department of Human Services and run in conjunction with Gateway Social Support Options. The Project primarily targets the Gateway Friendly Visitors Program volunteers and clients.

The Project aims to increase the capacity of volunteers to work with people with Dementia from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds. It is widely reported that this group of clients does not readily access services, and therefore both carer burden and social isolation are major factors. Due to the difficulty of working with this group of clients, there are also few services that provide Friendly Visitors Program. It is hoped that by producing these resources for both Volunteers working with these clients and the staff who support the volunteers, the relationship between the client and the volunteer will be able to be successfully sustained for longer periods and more organisations will feel the relationship can be supported.

This resource folder has been developed for use by volunteers with summary information about dementia from Alzheimer’s Australia as well as other useful information. A Screening Tool and Flowchart have been developed to be used by staff with volunteers when problems regarding client’s memory are identified. The *Memory Changes Screening Tool* assists volunteers in identifying changes that their client may be experiencing. The flowchart directs staff regarding how best to assist the client concerned. Please bear in mind when using this resource that this Project was conducted in the Western suburbs of Melbourne and therefore the Contacts provided are local to the original recipients of this resource. Information on available training is included and the e-links for these are included below so that the most recent calendars can be easily obtained.

For further copies of this resource, please use the e-link instructions below.

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Resource Folder e-link List

Each of these links is designed to be printed out and compiled as a resource for use with volunteers working with people with dementia.

Instructions for Use: Print (in color or B&W) each link and file behind each section as per the Index Page.

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[Memory Changes Screening Tool.doc](#)

Memory Changes Screening Tool

http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/AAVCalendar_HP_2009.pdf

Alzheimer's Australia Victoria (AAV) Health Professionals Training Calendar 2009

http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/AAVCalendar_FF_2009.pdf

AAV Family and Friends Training Calendar 2009



HACC CALENDAR
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<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/VicDMCCFeb-June09.pdf>

AAV "What's on" Calendar Feb – June 2009

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/HS1.1.pdf>

AAV Help Sheet 1.1 – "What is Dementia?"

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/HS1.2.pdf>

AAV Help Sheet 1.2 – "Diagnosing Dementia"

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/HS1.12.pdf>

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AAV Help Sheet 1.12 – “Alzheimer’s Disease”

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/HS1.7.pdf>

AAV Help Sheet 1.7 – “Memory Changes”

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/HS1.8.pdf>

AAV Help Sheet 1.8 – “Progression of Dementia”

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/HelpSheetsIndex2006.pdf>

AAV Help Sheet Index

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/NATCommLanguages08.pdf>

AAV Help Translated Information Index

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/WelcomeFlyerFormatted.pdf>

AAV Welcome to the Library

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/RecommendedReading.pdf>

AAV Library Recommended Reading List

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/CALD1.pdf>

AAV list of Multicultural Library Resources

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/CALDPerceptionsOct08.pdf>

AAV Report – Perception of Dementia in Ethnic Communities

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/upload/US15Nov07.pdf>

AAV Update Sheet – Depression and Dementia

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/subacute/cdams.htm>

CDAMS information pamphlet (including translated links)

http://www.dva.gov.au/health/pubs/dementia/table_of_contents.htm

DVA Publication – Living with Dementia