

Announcing Zoom Dementia Series Workshop: for Dementia Caregivers, Providers, Friends & Family, and Advocates



Please join Catholic Charities Hawaii for a webinar featuring Laura N. Gitlin, Ph.D., FGSA, FAAN, Distinguished Professor, Dean of Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions. Dr. Gitlin is the author of over 300 publications, many of which focus on dementia and caregiving. She is an appointee to the Health and Human Service's Advisory Council for the National Alzheimer's Project Act, which recommends actions at the national level to assist persons with Alzheimer's disease and caregivers, and served as its chair from 2017-2019.

Dr. Gitlin is an applied research sociologist, is distinguished professor, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University and the inaugural executive director of its AgeWell Collaboratory which oversees Drexel's AgeFriendly University international designation, and partners with over 80 community-based organizations serving racially, ethnically, and culturally diverse communities involving older adults and families. Her research focuses on developing, evaluating and implementing novel home and community-based interventions that seek to improve quality of life indicators for older adults and/or their family members.

She and her teams have developed interventions for older Black/African Americans with depression, family caregivers, social isolation, distress or challenges managing day-to-day, people living with dementia with dementia with clinical symptoms and poor quality of life, older adults with functional challenges. She applies a social ecological and health equity lens and person/family-directed and person-centered-approaches to understand, target challenges and modifiable factors, and intervene and support individuals/families within their living contexts using nonpharmacological, behavioral and cognitive strategies. Her interventions have resulted in improving physical and psychosocial outcomes, reducing mortality, and health care savings. Some of her interventions are being implemented globally and throughout the USA. She is a well-funded researcher with continuous research and training grant funding from federal agencies and private foundations for over 35 years. She and her teams have received numerous awards for their innovation and interventions.

Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms in Dementia Strategies to Identify, Prevent and Mitigate

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 10-11:30am Hawaii Time

Dr. Gitlin will describe the importance of identifying, preventing and mitigating dementia-related behavioral and psychological symptoms. She will discuss specific strategies including an online platform, the WeCareAdvisor, which is currently being funded by the National Institute on Aging and tested nationally with family caregivers. The WeCareAdvisor helps caregivers identify and develop strategies tailored to their unique care situation for managing behavioral symptoms challenging to them. Caregivers will have a chance to ask questions and learn how to participate in a study that is evaluating the WeCareAdvisor.

Advance Registration is required at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behavioral-and-psychological-symptoms-in-dementia-caregiver-research-study-tickets-385935211607>

The Zoom link & handouts will be sent to registrants before the session.
Sorry, no CEs or certificates are available.

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