



IDD & DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

May 20, 21 & 22, 2025

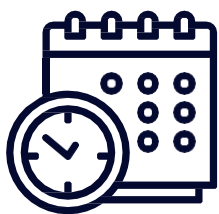
Denton, Texas

Who should attend? DSPs, nurses, case managers, program managers, day program staff, BCBAs, guardians, staff trainers, advocates, quality assurance, supervisory/administrative, aging network staff, OT/PT/Speech, policymakers, and family members.



REGISTER ONLINE

<https://www.the-ntg.org/event-details/id-dementia-workshop-denton-tx-1>



When:

Tues., Weds., & *Thurs.
May 20, 21 & 22*, 2025
09:00 AM - 4:30 PM Daily

*Optional 3rd day to become an NTG Affiliated Regional Trainer and part of the NTG's Lone Star Trainer Network

Where:

Denton Workforce Center
5800 N-135, Ste. 100
Denton, Texas 76207

Questions?

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Discounted Registration

Two-Day Foundation Workshop
~~\$475~~ | FREE for Texas residents

Full 3-Day Train-the-Trainer*
Workshop
~~\$475~~ | FREE for Texas residents

*Become an NTG Affiliated Regional Trainer and a part of our Lone Star Affiliated Trainer Network. The first two days of the workshop cover the topics outlined in the 2 Day Basic Workshop. A third day is added and is devoted to understanding and delivering the full NTG Dementia Capable Care Curriculum. NTG Affiliated Trainers are authorized to use NTG branded and copyrighted training materials to train within their own organization or to conduct training for outside agencies and organizations. Affiliated trainers have access to greatly expanded topic modules, trainer manual, NTG continuing education webinars, and are mentored by NTG Master Trainers.

TOPICS COVERED IN WORKSHOP:

- Dementia: What it is...and isn't
- Accelerated aging in DS and its impact on age of onset of Alzheimer's disease
- Does dementia present differently in adults with ID?
- Potentially treatable medical conditions that mimic Alzheimer's
- Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease: Increased risk, younger age
- Challenges of diagnosing dementia in adults with ID
- How diagnostic overshadowing can result in misdiagnosis
- Behavior is communication...ALL behavior has meaning
- Why people with dementia do the things they do
- How dementia impacts the brain, senses, and behavior
- Why being an effective health care advocate for your client is so important
- Early Detection Screen for Dementia (EDSD): How to use the NTG's free screening tool
- Guidelines for diagnosis of dementia in adults with ID: What you need to know
- The shift in philosophy of care from lifespan goals to dementia-capable goals
- Tips and strategies for effectively communicating with people with dementia
- Behavioral and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)
- Key "triggers" of behavior and how to avoid them
- Strategies for managing and accommodating common behaviors
- Non-pharmacologic management of BPSD...why medication should be a last resort!
- Easy and affordable modifications to the physical environment to support function
- End of life care - challenges, opportunities, and ethical considerations

This workshop is a joint project with the University of Texas at Houston and supported by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

Addressing Barriers to Care Faced by Aging Texans with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



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