

WHEN DOES MEMORY LOSS BECOME A DISEASE?

Ten Warning Signs

1. Memory Loss that is affecting normal activity.
2. Difficulty performing familiar tasks..
3. Problems with language.
4. Disorientation to time and place.
5. Poor judgment.
6. Problems with abstract thinking.
7. Misplacing things.
8. Change in mood or behavior.
9. Changes in personality.
10. Loss of initiative.

***If you note several of these early signs, the person with the symptoms should see a physician for a complete assessment.

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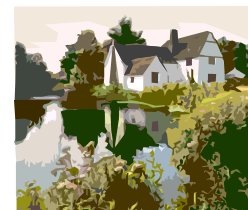
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MEMORY LOSS NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAM

*Building a Seamless Care System
for Persons with Memory Loss
and Memory Impairment, such
as Alzheimer's disease.*



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MEMORY LOSS NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The Program is staffed by a registered nurse with specialized training in the areas of aging, memory loss and dementia. The Program goals are as follows:

1. To Assist individuals with memory loss or dementia to remain living safely at home for as long as possible.
2. To Positively impact the stress level of caregivers of older adults with memory loss or dementia through ongoing education and support services.
3. To Provide support to individuals with memory loss or dementia and their caregivers in their own environments, i.e. their own home.
4. To Work with other care providers to increase the public awareness of issues related to memory loss and dementia.



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DIRECT SERVICES AVAILABLE:

1. Home Visits by a nurse who specializes in working with individuals with memory loss and dementia.
2. Complete Nursing assessment and follow-up.
3. Instruction and education related to memory loss issues.
4. Development of individualized plan of action and care.
5. Ongoing Advocacy for the client.
6. Ongoing Support for client and caregivers.
7. Link to local Case Management Program.
8. Link to local home and community-based services.
9. Referrals to local medical professionals as needed.
10. Family care conferences, scheduled when and where they are most effective.
11. Information about diagnostic workups and current treatment options.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

1. Local Support Group Facilitator
2. In-service Education
3. On-site lending library: Books, videos, music, activity supplies
4. Specialized training for respite providers.

" My goal is to improve the quality of life for the person with memory problems, and allow them as much independence and choice as possible, while keeping them safe at home." *Lavon Yeggy, RN, BSN*

Memory Loss Nurse Specialist

HOW DO WE GET HELP?

Call the nurse at Elder Services, Inc.. She will answer your questions and/or schedule a confidential appointment to meet with you in person. The Memory Loss Nurse Specialist is available to come to your home to visit with you and explain available services. If you need other types of help, she can refer you to the appropriate community services.



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