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Meet our Professional Support Team & Local Vendors

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What We Will Cover Today

- Provide information about the Wyoming Dementia Together Caregiver Network.
- Outline the importance of dementia education and support for family caregivers.
- Offer an opportunity to register for the Wyoming Dementia Together Caregiver Network.
- **VENDOR HIGHLIGHT!**



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Together

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE

Program Description:

FREE bi-weekly education, support, and resource networking

WDT is a partnership between experienced dementia professionals and caregivers to provide:

- Confidential Support
- Education
- Resources
- Networking Opportunities

We are building a community of experienced and knowledgeable caregivers.

**Sessions every other Wednesday
10:30 am – 11:45 am via Zoom**

WDT Team



Dani Guerttman



Carol Taylor, LCSW



Sabine Schenck



Scott Veatch



Jenny Wolf



Katie Kitchen Andren, PhD



Theresa Robinett, MOT/OTRL



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As a private practice geriatric social worker in rural Wyoming, I sometimes feel isolated and miss collegial connections and conversations. Serving on the WDT Caregiver Network Professional Support Team, I am part of a team of geriatric professionals.

It is very meaningful to create a welcoming and safe space for family members to share their stories, challenges, and lessons learned. We all exchange care techniques, suggestions and ideas to support family care partners and their loved ones.

Carol Taylor, LCSW

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Carol Taylor, LCSW
WDT Lead
Professional Support Team



Dani Guerttman, Dementia
Specialist
WDT Professional Support Team

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When dementia enters your life it's extremely difficult to be prepared. How will it impact families emotionally, legally, financially throughout the illness?

Wyoming Dementia Together is a trusted place to turn to get the critical education, support and resources needed to support families living with dementia.

Our professional support team as well as fellow caregivers are honored to walk care partners through this difficult journey and ensure them, they are not alone.

Dani Guerttman, Wyoming Dementia Care

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My wife Mona passed in December 2021 following a fifteen-year battle with Alzheimer's. When she was diagnosed in early 2007, there was very little help available to me as a caregiver. No support groups in my area, no online classes, no personal friends or family members who could relate to my situation.

Fortunately, we've come a long way since then and Wyoming Dementia Together is helping take the lead. I am proud to be part of this group of professionals who are working to make the caregiver path easier to navigate – and in doing so are providing not just information, but also hope.

Scott Veatch, Spousal Care Partner

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Scott Veatch, Spousal Care Partner
WDT Professional Support Team

Participant Stories

“ I felt overwhelmed to become a caregiver, seemingly overnight. I retired, became a caregiver & Covid hit all at about the same time. My world seemed out of control.

This program has given me confidence and validation in my role. I have learned about taking vitals, retiring from driving, POLST forms, financial planning, self-care and so many other topics.

I have become more compassionate towards my hubby, as well as relieving some of my anger/resentment at our situation. I am a 'work in progress' and don't know if I'll ever be done. I also feel that hopefully I can share some of my experiences and it be helpful to another.

Full-time Care Partner

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I thought I knew about caregiving. My participation in the network, helped me navigate the many faceted caregiving role with more grace..

The panel of experts and caregivers who shared their experiences provided me with information and opportunities to reflect on my Mom and my experiences, I was able to face some hard realities.

My visits with Mom are more relaxed and provide us with chances to enjoy some special moments together.

Retired Hospice Social Worker and Care Partner

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Be sure to
check out:



Wyoming Dementia Together - Once Again is an informative YouTube program for caregivers of loved ones with dementia.

Health care professionals and family caregivers discuss concerns, provide professional expertise, and share personal successes and challenges.



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member or a
caregiver for
someone with
dementia:

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