

Increasing Our Understanding



Living with Memory Loss Series

This 10-week educational seminar offers a unique opportunity for persons with a memory loss disease AND their care partners to gain valuable education and support. Each session features a local professional offering information about memory loss and the community support services available. There will be opportunities for questions and support for participants.

DATE: January 6th – March 10th 2026

TIME: Tuesdays from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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LOCATION:

First Congregational Church, 1050 East 23rd Ave. | Eugene, OR 97405

Visit our website, www.elderhealthandliving.com/living-with-memory-loss
or call Bridget @ 541.852.3600 to register.

Fee: \$125 per family, Scholarships Available

10-Week Educational Series Topics

Week 1 Memory Loss 101: 01/06/2026

Introductions to this series, with an overview of memory loss and dementias.

Week 2 Understanding Your Diagnosis: 01/13/2026

Learn about the top five types of dementias with related symptom profiles for each, understanding the diagnosis and what to expect for each type. Taught by a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner.

Week 3 Legal and Financial Considerations 01/20/2026

An elder-law attorney answers questions concerning long-term care, estate matters and Medicaid eligibility requirements that cover costs for care communities.

Week 4 Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care and Communication Skills: 01/27/2026

The principles of person-centered care are introduced, as well as effective ways to respond to communication and behavior issues with a person who has a memory loss disease.

Support group resources are given.

Week 5 Family Dynamics and Caring for the Care Partner: 02/03/2026

Strategies for recognizing and lowering care partner stress, and why this is so important. Includes specific, practical and local resources for caregiver support.

Week 6 Transportation, Safety, and Independence: 02/10/2026

Learn how memory loss affects driving skills, strategies for when it's time to give up the car keys, and maintaining independence. Learn about keeping someone safe in and out of their home with technology, tracking devices, and other safety techniques, including firearms.

Week 7 Resiliency with Grief and Loss/Preparing for an Ambulance Visit: 02/17/2026

What is grief and what do we do with it? Coping strategies for recognizing and living with loss and grief reviewed. Learn from the Eugene/Springfield Fire Department on how best to prepare for an emergency when you need an ambulance.

Week 8 Normal Aging vs. Aging with a Neurocognitive Impairment: 02/24/2026

Learn common health conditions and behaviors associated with various forms of memory loss and how to form a response to them that is understanding and useful. Taught by a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner.

Week 9 Healthy Living for Cognitive Wellness/Senior & Disability Services: 03/03/2026

An interactive session on strategies for improving brain health through nutrition, exercise, and cognitive wellness activities. A representative from Senior & Disability Services will explain resources offered to community care partners and families of loved ones with a memory loss disease. Learn how to respond when a loved one does not acknowledge their memory loss symptoms.

Week 10 Community Resources: 03/10/2026

Types of senior care communities reviewed with in-depth explanation of memory care. Hospice and Palliative care options reviewed.