Introduction to Montessori for Aging and Dementia Workshop

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April 24, 2018
8:00 AM Registration
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Workshop

Clark Retirement
Baker Kendrick Room
1551 Franklin Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 452-1666, ext 224

$75 for Family Caregivers
$125 for Professionals

Join us to learn the key components to a successful Montessori program!

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Attend this workshop and learn to create meaningful activities and roles by:

• Focusing on the person, not the dementia.
• Matching strengths and abilities with personal history.
• Fostering social connections and friendships.
• Developing routines that build confidence and self-esteem.
• Providing cues, prompts, materials and templates to support the person’s memory loss.
Workshop Agenda

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM  Registration
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM  Section I: A Life with Meaning and Purpose
• Maintaining personhood
• Individualized assessments
• Retaining life roles

Section II: Montessori for All Ages
• Who was Dr. Maria Montessori?
• What is the Montessori philosophy of education?
• From the classroom to the aged care center

Section III: Memories in the Making
• How memory works
• How we learn
• How to make a memory book

12:45 PM - 3:30 PM  Section IV: Let’s Get Busy
• Help me help myself
• Fostering independence

Section V: Montessori Demonstrations
• Clark Life Enrichment Team experiences
• Opportunities for student practice
• Setting up Montessori spaces

Section VI: Making It Happen
• Putting Montessori into action
• Developing teams
• Leaving your comfort zone

Enroll Today!
(seating limited)

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Presenters

Jennifer Brush, MA, CCC/SLP,
Director of Brush Development, is an award-winning Dementia Educator, author and international consultant. Jennifer serves on the Association Montessori International Advisory Board for Montessori for Aging and Dementia and is the only person in the US teaching this AMI program. Learn more at www.BrushDevelopment.com

Natalie F. Douglas, PhD, CCC/SLP,
is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Central Michigan University. Her research aims to improve healthcare outcomes in typical long-term care communities by empowering direct care workers and advancing communication and quality of life interventions for people with dementia and aphasia.

Clark Life Enrichment Team

Pictured: Chris Simons, Paula Baughman, Christina Turkewycz, Renee Van Y, and Brandon Beck are all members of Clark's Life Enrichment Team. Everyone on this team has been instrumental in implementing practices being researched by the Montessori for Aging and Dementia program. Each member of this team completed more than 60 hours of training to earn their Montessori Practitioner Certificate and will be sharing what they've learned and some best practices.

Register Online:  ClarkRetirement.org/Montessori

For more information contact Chris Simons at (616) 452-1666, ext 224 or chris.simons@clarkretirement.org

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