



National Institute of Corrections

Losing Time: Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease Behind Bars

A webinar focusing on initiating awareness, recognizing symptomology and exploring recommendations for daily care of dementia, particularly Alzheimer's disease behind bars.

Date: July 28, 2016

Time: *Please note webinar start time/your time zone*

9:00-10:00am PT / 10:00-11:00am MT/AZ/ 11:00am-12:00pm CT / 12:00pm-1:00pm ET

Target Audience: Criminal Justice Professionals and Organizations, Community-Based Providers, and those interested in aging offender issues.

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Description

Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, is difficult to detect in a population often afflicted with other mental illnesses and maladaptive social behaviors. During this interactive webinar we will explore how symptoms and behaviors can be misconstrued and identify environmental risk factors that can contribute to costly accidents and injury for inmates with dementia.

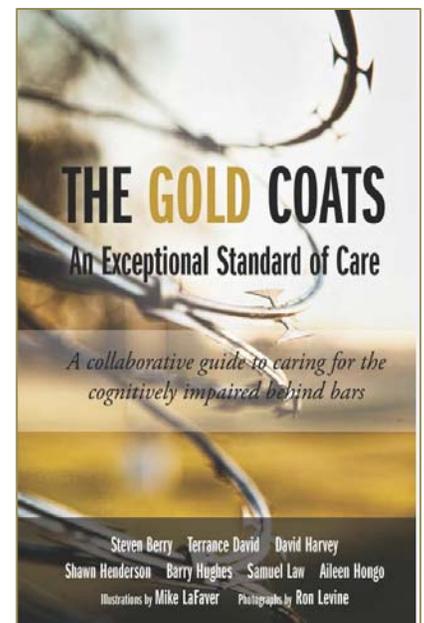
We will also take an in-depth look at the Gold Coat program based at the California Men's Colony State Prison in San Luis Obispo. This model consists of healthy inmates specially trained to care for those with dementia and other cognitive impairments, who are designated by the gold smocks they wear.

The experiences of former Gold Coats will reveal a working *rehabilitative* program, a true model of reform that can provide skills for meaningful employment while caring for those who cannot help themselves. Every facility is different with unique needs. During the webinar, we will provide a foundation for developing a self-contained model to meet the needs of cognitively impaired inmates while healthy inmates gain valuable, marketable skills.

Utilizing images, narratives and interactive exercises, panelists will explore the challenges of aging in prison with a focus on dementia care.

Focus areas include:

- What Happens to the Brain When Dementia / Alzheimer's Strikes



- 10 Warning Signs
- Effective Communication Strategies
- Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)
- Alternative Environmental Programming
- Building a Successful Dementia Program

At the conclusion of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Paraphrase their own working knowledge of dementia, in particular Alzheimer's Disease
- Describe how symptoms and behaviors can be misconstrued as maladaptive behavior
- Identify environmental risk factors that can contribute to costly accidents and injury for inmates with dementia
- Give examples of tools to develop a method to reduce risk factors, promote effective programming and provide cost effective care.

Panelists

Aileen Hongo, Geriatric Social Worker and Life Skills Instructor

Barry Hughes, Health Technician for Department of Mental Health Veterans Administration

Ron Levine, Prisoners of Age Project Commercial Photographer

Moderator

Bernie Iszler, NIC Correctional Program Specialist

Producer

Leslie LeMaster, NIC Correctional Program Specialist

For additional information, see the following NIC resources:

Effectively Managing Aging and Geriatric Offenders Satellite/Internet Broadcast held March 11, 2010

<http://nicic.gov/library/024363>

The High Costs of Low Risk: The Crisis of America's Aging Prison Population

<http://nicic.gov/library/030136>

Aging Prisoners: A Crisis in Need of Intervention <http://nicic.gov/library/026051>

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