



# Changing Skills Across the Progression of Dementia

## How OUR Communication and Care Can Change

- Understand the progression of dementia and the skills individuals retain
- Learn to assess, engage, and work with various functioning levels of individuals
- Explore communication and interaction techniques to interact with those who have varying levels of functional abilities

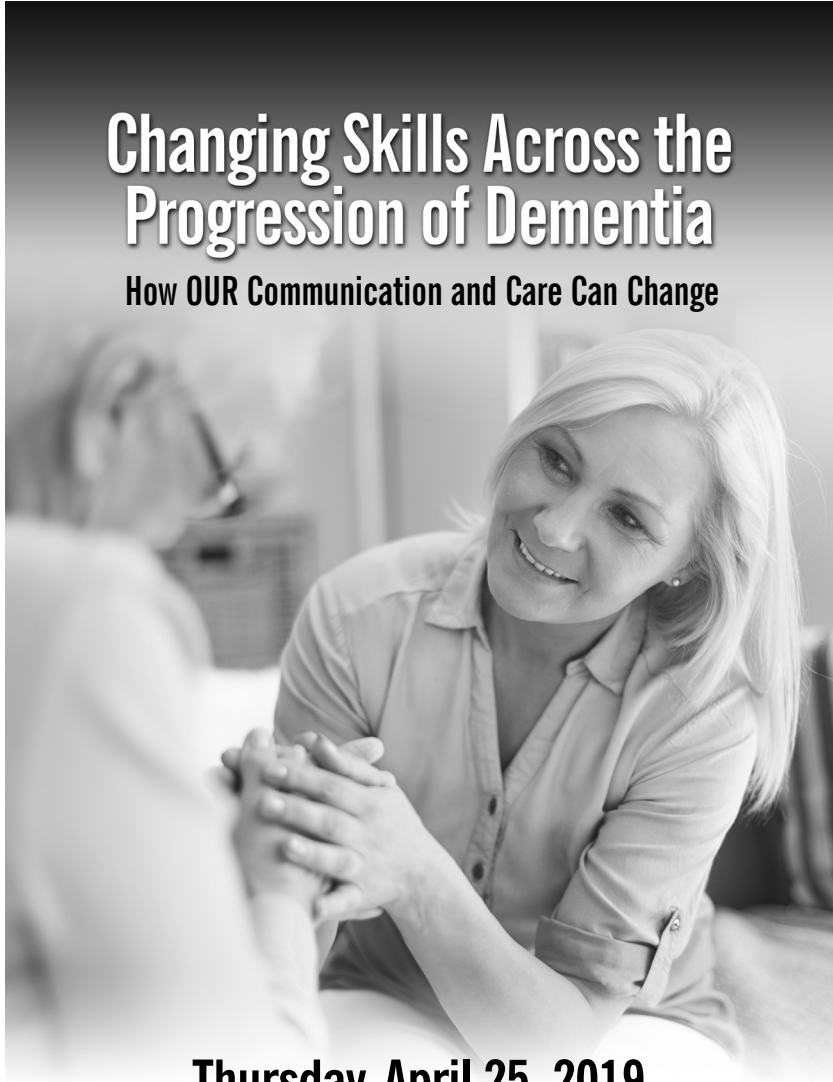
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**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

Moore-Norman Technology Center, South Penn Campus, OKC

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This full day program will provide learners with a deep-dive into not only the progression of dementia — the retained skills across the progression of the disease — but specifically the different ways in which individuals retain skills at different levels of functioning across the individual’s senses through the progression of the disease. While Teepa Snow’s GEMS® State of dementia will serve as the basis of the talk, we will practice ways to assess, engage, and work with different functioning levels.

In this session, we will 1) learn about what it means to be living in the world with each GEMS’ cognitive and physical abilities, 2) learn how a person can have a different GEMS State (skill level) in one sense than others, and 3) learn how to use this tool as a basis to provide supportive (AND ADAPTIVE) communication to change the way we help people living with dementia (PLwD). Specifically, we will explore and practice ways to use the PAC skills you may already be familiar with (such as PPA and Hand-under-Hand) to conduct a dynamic assessment and adapt your support to the PLwD’s changing functional abilities, different types and forms of dementia.

### Objectives

By the completion of the session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the utility of a GEMS® dementia progression classification system vs other loss-focused systems of classification and demonstrate a dynamic assessment using the Positive Physical Approach to assess an individual’s retained skills across the three main senses of visual, verbal (expressive and receptive), and touch (sensory movement).
2. Identify the skills and strengths of each of the 6 GEMS® states.
3. Identify how to facilitate communication at each state.

### Presenter

Beth Nolan, Ph.D., is from Teepa Snow’s Positive Approach to Care (PAC). PAC is a training and advocacy organization offering techniques used by people working or living with dementia or other brain changes. Dr. Nolan received her Ph.D. in gerontology from the University of Kansas, and completed her post-doctoral training in geriatric psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. For 20 years, she helped implement evidence-based programs for behavioral health, medicine, and senior living. Dr. Nolan now serves as the Director of Research and Policy, where she works to move care **givers** to become care **partners**.

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## Agenda Thursday, April 25, 2019

- 8:00 – 8:30 ..... Registration
- 8:30 – 11:45 ..... Program
- 11:45 – 12:45 ..... Lunch – Provided
- 12:45 – 4:00 ..... Program

### Target Audience

Administrators, Nursing, Direct Care Staff, Activity Directors, Social Service Directors and the Interdisciplinary Team

### Registration Fees

- Early: \$100 (CEUs included)
- Late: \$120 (CEUs included)
- Early Non-CEU attendees: \$70
- Late Non-CEU attendees: \$90

Registrations must be received by April 11 to receive the early registration rate. Cancellations received prior to April 11 will receive credit, less a \$20 processing fee. Cancellations received prior to April 18 will receive 50% credit. Substitutions are accepted. Registration fee includes lunch.

On-line registration is available at [www.LeadingAgeOK.org/education](http://www.LeadingAgeOK.org/education).

### Continuing Education Credit

This program has been approved for Continuing Education for 6 total participant hours by NAB/NCERS – NAB Program Approval Code: 20200424-6-A52153-IN

### Seminar Information

For additional information, contact Lisa Hill, LeadingAge Oklahoma, 405-501-1170 or email: [Inquiry@LeadingAgeOK.org](mailto:Inquiry@LeadingAgeOK.org).

### Location

Moore-Norman Technology Center-South Penn Campus  
 13301 S. Pennsylvania Avenue • Oklahoma City, OK 73170  
 Meeting Room: CDE

### Directions

- From I-35**
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- From I-44**
  - Exit South I-35
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