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Approaches for Dementia: Origins, Present Status, and Future Directions

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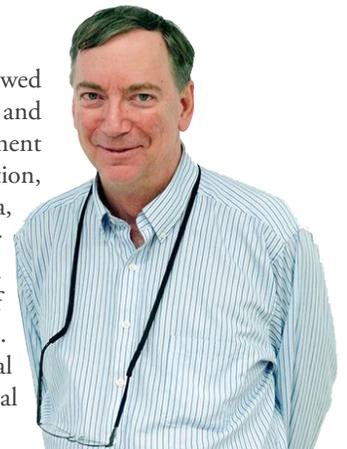


In this presentation we will examine how the Montessori Method, originally developed to educate children, evolved into an effective method for working with persons with dementia. Initially focusing on activities for persons with dementia, the process of translating the Montessori Method to a geriatric population with memory impairment (Montessori-Based Dementia Programming®) will be detailed. Persons with dementia, like all persons, wish to be treated with respect, dignity, and equality. They want purpose and meaning in their lives, to be in control of their lives, to feel safe, and to be able to contribute to their communities and to society in general. This focus now is being expanded to persons without dementia, including family members and staff members, and persons with developmental disabilities, because the Montessori Inspired Lifestyle® is, basically, a way of living a good life as a human being.

SPEAKER:

DR. CAMERON J. CAMP, PH.D originally developed the use of the Montessori Method as an intervention for use with persons with dementia. He is a noted psychologist specializing in applied research in gerontology, and currently serves as Director of Research and Development for the Center for Applied Research in Dementia. Dr. Camp gives workshops on designing cognitive and behavioral interventions for dementia internationally. These interventions are all designed to reduce challenging behaviors and increase the level of functioning and quality of life of persons with dementia. He has co-authored three college

textbooks and published over 150 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Camp is a Fellow and past-president of Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging) of the American Psychological Association, a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, and a Charter Member of the Association for Psychological Science. His research has been funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health, and the national Alzheimer's Association. He is recipient of the American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research.



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