



Professional Caregiver Focal Point of Western Michigan
Resources and Caregiver Tools to use in your everyday work with caregivers

March 2011 – This month's edition provides family and professional caregivers with new information and resources.



Care Connection is a FREE, interactive teleconference for family caregivers and healthcare Professionals sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Top-notch experts present on various topics and answer questions. Calls take place the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. EST. To participate, dial 1-877-232-2992, and enter guest ID 271004#. Access this valuable online resource at:
<http://www.alzfdn.org/AFAServices/careconnection.html>



The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners®, LLC was formed in 2001 by a group of professionals with varying work and personal experiences in the field of dementia care. The Council was formed to promote standards of excellence in dementia and Alzheimer's education to professionals and other caregivers who provide services to dementia clients. Check out this useful professional resource at: <http://www.nccdp.org/>

VA CAREGIVER SUPPORT: CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE

On February 1, 2011, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) opened a toll-free National Caregiver Support Line that serves as a primary resource/referral center to assist caregivers, Veterans and others seeking caregiver information to help in the care of our Nation's Veterans. The National Caregiver Support Line is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The National Caregiver Support Line Toll-Free number is 1-855-260-3274. Additional VA caregiver information and resources are available at: <http://www.caregiver.va.gov/>

Please forward any interesting web address, resource, educational tool, book, event or conference information to Mike Faber (mfaber@grcc.edu) by the 1st of each month.