



National Task Group
on Intellectual Disabilities
and Dementia Practices



I/DD and Dementia

Merakey has partnered with the NTG to bring this national model workshop to Pennsylvania.

Best Practices in Caring for Adults with I/DD at risk of or who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

PITTSBURGH, PA

Time: 9:00 am- 4:30 pm

Date: June 11, 12 & 13,* 2024
**June 13 is an optional 3rd day only for those wishing to become NTG Affiliated Regional Trainers (see next page for description).*

Location: Comfort Inn & Conference Center
699 Rodi Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Registration

Two-Day Foundation Workshop	\$275
Full Three-Day Train-the-Trainer Workshop	\$475

Who Should Attend?

The workshop is appropriate for any staff with direct or ancillary care responsibilities of older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in both disability-related, health care, and aging-related agencies including, but not limited to DSPs, nurses, psychologists, behavior analysts, adult day staff, OT/PT/Speech/Activity staff, physicians, program managers, case workers, and administrative and supervisory staff. First responders and family members are also encouraged to attend.

See below for workshop description.

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<https://www.the-ntg.org/event-details/pittsburgh-pa-idd-and-dementia-workshop-june-11-12-and-13-2024>

General Workshop Questions

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NTG Website

www.the-ntg.org

The NTG is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.



This nationally acclaimed workshop was developed using the best evidence-informed care principles available in acknowledgment of the emerging need for professionals who are capable and comfortable with screening, assessing, and managing the interventions and supports related to caring for clients with dementia and intellectual/developmental disabilities.

***NTG Affiliated Regional Trainer Workshop Description (June 13)**

A final day, Thursday, June 13th, is added for those wishing to become an "NTG Affiliated Trainer." The first two days of the workshop cover the topics outlined in the Foundation Workshop. The final day is devoted to understanding and delivering the full NTG Dementia Capable Care Curriculum.

NTG Affiliated Trainers are authorized to use NTG branded and copyrighted training materials to train within their own organization or to conduct training for outside agencies and organizations.

Affiliated trainers have access to greatly expanded topic modules, trainer manual, free monthly NTG continuing education webinars, and will become part of the NTG's national network of Affiliated Regional Trainers with ongoing continuing education, support, and resources.

Foundation Workshop Topics Include: (Two Days: Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 & 12)

- Healthy aging versus pathological aging
- What dementia is...and isn't
- Does dementia present differently in adults with ID?
- Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease: accelerated aging, increased risk, special considerations
- The unique challenges of diagnosing dementia in adults with I/DD
- Why do people with dementia do the things they do?
- Why you need to be a health care advocate for your clients
- Programmatic considerations – what might need to change
- Understanding and using the NTG-Early Detection and Screen for Dementia tool (NTG_EDSD)
- Medical conditions that mimic Alzheimer's but are potentially treatable
- Best practices of dementia capable care of adults with ID and dementia
- The shift in philosophy of care from lifespan goals to dementia-capable goals
- Communication tips and strategies
- Managing behavioral and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD) without drugs
- Dementia specific environmental modifications to support function
- End of life care - challenges, opportunities, and ethical considerations

About the NTG

The NTG is an all-volunteer organization formed to advocate for services and supports for people with intellectual disability and their families who are affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementias. Formed in 2010 under the aegis of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, the NTG formally incorporated in 2021 and is now an independent 501 (c)(3) non-profit. The NTG produces materials related to dementia, including practice guidelines, screening tools, education and training curricula and workshops, agency and family-based information, and other technical materials – as well provide technical assistance and collaborates with a variety of national associations, organizations, and university centers. The NTG is a member of LEAD - 'Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease' and NIH's Down Syndrome Consortium (which includes DS-Connect®) and is also a member of FoNIA - the Friends of the National Institute on Aging. The NTG also has membership on the NAPA Federal Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services. The chairs of the NTG are Matthew P. Janicki, Ph.D. and Seth M. Keller, MD. FMI please visit our website: www.the-ntg.org.