

Wednesday 7/12 3:00 – 4:30

Resources and Tools to Increase Your Staff's Dementia Capability

Join The Idaho State Ombudsman, and dementia experts from the Commission on Aging, and the Department of Health and Welfare public health bureau to learn about free resources, training and tools to equip your staff with the knowledge skills and attitudes necessary to care for residents with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Speaker's Bios

Lynn Fyanes, MHS, serves as a Program Specialist with Idaho Commission on Aging focusing on caregiver support, building dementia capability with the Idaho Community Care Program, ADRD Alliance and consumer-direct respite. Lynn is an Adjunct Professor with Boise State in the School of Public Health and Population Science and has worked as a research analyst in the Center for Study of Aging. She holds a Master of Health Science with an emphasis on Policy from Boise State University and a B.S in Political Science from the University of Utah. Lynn is a US Air Force after 26 years, specializing in Cyber Support (IT), serving in several different capacities across the globe. Lynn is actively involved with the Boise VA Medical Center and enjoys teaching the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class in our local communities.

Tiffany Robb is the Health Program Manager for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) for the State of Idaho's Division of Public Health. With over 28 years of experience in health services and public health, she has a diverse set of experiences. Having worked with persons with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in institutional settings, becoming a personal trainer and providing health education sessions to corporations, and then to her current work, building a state public health program. These experiences, coupled with living on farms and ranches in rural Nebraska and remote Idaho, she knows how to get her hands dirty and the value of working collaboratively to make available resources stretch.

Currently, Tiffany serves on the Idaho Health Equity Task Force, Idaho Caregiver Alliance Leadership Team, Idaho ADRD Steering Committee, Idaho's Public Health Healthy Aging Representative for Region 10 Health and Human Services (HHS), and as a brain health advisory council member for the International Association for Indigenous Aging (IA2).

Tiffany's previous works include, co-developing, launching, and working as a Lead Navigator and Program Manager for the Family Caregiver Navigator pilot project funded by Medicaid.; providing her an opportunity to learn directly from Idaho caregivers. Previous other works, alongside some great teams, covered topics such as fall reduction, Sexual Violence and Prevention, food insecurity amongst Idaho's Cystic Fibrosis patients and families, age-friendly communities, vaccination requirements for Idaho, and Idahoans as family caregivers.

When Tiffany has time on her hands, she loves to go for walks and soak up the sun and sounds around her—always disappointed that her cell phone pictures never capture the beauty she experiences on her journeys. Tiffany loves to spend time with her family and teaches public health at Boise State University.

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Prior to moving to Idaho in December of 2022, I had been working in healthcare for over 25 years. Most has been in Long Term Care. I was a Nursing Home Administrator for 10 years operating Nursing Facilities. My Career in healthcare has blessed me with the opportunities to work in hospital operations, hospital case management, and contracting. Prior to becoming the State Long Term Care Ombudsman, I was overseeing the care of patients post-acute with a team of physicians and case managers. I am a lifelong learner resulting in obtaining a Masters in Industrial Organizational Psychology in 2018. During my tenure as an Administrator I served on boards such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commers, Kiwanis, and the Lions Club serving the community. I also served the community as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer.