

**Gerontology Symposium:  
Broadening Our Support for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers  
Agenda - May 9, 2022**

- 7:30 – 8:10am**     **Registration / Coffee**
- 8:10 – 8:15**        **Welcome and Introduction**  
Amber Snow, APRN and Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH
- 8:15 – 8:45**        **DAIL and VDH Update**  
Angela Smith-Dieng, Director, Adult Services Div, Dept of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living  
Rhonda Williams, Chief, Chronic Disease Prevention, Vermont Department of Health
- 8:45 – 9:45**        **KEYNOTE – ACT on Alzheimer’s: A Whole Community Approach to Dementia Support**  
Dawn Simonson, MPA, President & CEO  
Trellis (Area Agency on Aging, Twin Cities Metro Area, MN)
- 9:45 – 10:00**      **BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:15**    **CONCURRENT SESSIONS I**
- Choice 1    Remembrance (Legacy) Projects**  
Francesca Lynn Arnoldy, Director, End-of-Life Doula Certificate Program, UVM Larner College of Medicine; Emily Mars Raymond, MSW Intern, UVM Center on Aging
- Choice 2    Becoming a Dementia Friendly Community**  
Tiffany Smith, Aging and Disabilities Program Administrator, Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living
- Choice 3    Managing Challenging Behaviors in Persons Living with Dementia (Non-Pharmacological Approaches)**  
Amber Snow, APRN; Rachael Beauchemin, BSN, RN, WCC, CDP
- 11:15 – 12:15pm** **PANEL – Supports for Care Partners and Families**  
Moderator: Angela Smith-Dieng, Director, Adult Services Div, DAIL  
Volunteer-Lead Respite Program - Erica R. Marks, MA, Age Well  
Innovative Therapy Groups for Caregivers - Jeanne Hutchins, MA  
Home Modifications and Occupational Therapy Support - Sherry Pidgeon, OT
- 12:15 – 1:15**      **Lunch**
- 1:15 – 2:30**        **CONCURRENT SESSIONS II (repeated from Session I)**
- 2:30 – 2:45**        **BREAK**
- 2:45 – 3:45**        **PANEL – Social Engagement - Connecting to Thrive Together (Innovative Programs)**  
Moderator: Tiffany Smith, DAIL  
Creative Art Kits - Luke Rackers, CVCOA  
Supporting Older Drivers - Tiffany Smith, DAIL; Allie Breyer, Vermont Dept. of Health; Sarah Benis, OTR/L, UVMMC; Kelly Stoddard-Poor, AARP; Doug Masson, AARP; Linda Bowden, AARP
- 3:45 – 4:00pm**    **Wrap-up**