

# **What About Me! The Impact of Alzheimer's/Dementia on Children and Teens**

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Alzheimer's disease and other dementia profoundly change the life and relationships of the person with the diagnosis. It also impacts the person's entire family, and brings special challenges for children and teens. As time and energy of adults are stretched thin in caring for their loved one with dementia, children are often dealing with their own emotions and challenges which can leave them feeling "What about me?" During this program our speaker will focus on helping to identify the emotions and reactions that a child may face and giving strategies to help the child understand and cope with the disease. Our presenter will use examples, statements, and suggestions based on interviews with children and teens to help illustrate ways to cope and manage the dementia.. Using activities as a means to communicate and strengthen the bond with a loved one with dementia will also be discussed.

- Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2009
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. - Registration, Continental breakfast  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Program
- Location:** Molinaro Hall, Room D105  
University of Wisconsin - Parkside  
900 Wood Road, Kenosha, 53140
- Presenter:** Susan Berry, MS

**This program is provided at no cost and registration is required.  
Donations are greatly appreciated.**

**A CEU certificate for 2 hours (.2 CEU) will be available through the UW - Parkside**

**The deadline to register is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
For information, directions, or to register call 262-595-2387  
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***November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month!***