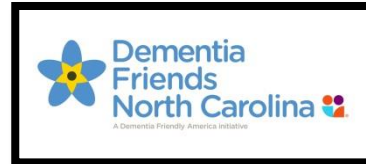


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**THE JACKSON COUNTY DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ACTION TEAM INVITES  
YOU TO THE FIRST SEMINAR OF THE DEMENTIA EDUCATION SERIES**

The Jackson County Dementia Friendly Action Team is hosting a Dementia Education Event on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30p.m -3:00 p.m. This is the first seminar for the Dementia Education Series and will take place in the Heritage Room at the Jackson County Department on Aging.

The prevalence of dementia is rapidly increasing across the country and we have seen the same growth for our elderly population here in Jackson County. It is estimated that more than 850 individuals over the age of 65 are living with dementia here in our community. In addition, 1 in 7 of those with dementia currently lives alone. Recognizing that Jackson County has a growing older population, we need to prepare all sectors in our community to address the growing opportunities and needs faced by people with dementia, their families, caregivers, employers, and community as a whole.

Please plan to attend on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Starting at 1:30, there will be resource tables set up from agencies that offer programs to help those with dementia. The presentations will begin at 2pm and speakers include Sheriff Chip Hall, Long Term Care Ombudsman Larry Reeves, and Area Agency on Aging Director Sara Melton.

This is a free event that will also include door prizes and refreshments. For more information call 586-5494 or stop by the front desk at the Department on Aging. A RSVP is not required but will help with the food orders.