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**Dementia Care Workshop for Family Caregivers
to be Held Aug. 20 in West Memphis**

LITTLE ROCK – The Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is offering a free Dementia Care Workshop Aug. 20 in West Memphis for those who would like to learn about caring for an adult with dementia or Alzheimer’s disease.

The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Crittenden, 2100 N. Seventh St. For more information or to register, please call Linda Willey or Valerie Fielder at 870-207-7600. Lunch is provided. Space is limited.

The program is sponsored by UAMS’ Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative. The collaborative is funded by a Health Resources and Services Administration grant of \$3.7 million for a Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program.

Taught by Linda Willey, RN, the workshop will present an overview of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease and provide caregiving tips.

“Learning helpful ways to support and care for someone with dementia can be very important in relieving caregiver stress,” said Linda Willey, R.N., coordinator of the Schmieding Home Caregiver Training Program in Jonesboro. “This program provides family caregivers with information on better ways to communicate, why some behaviors are challenging, nutrition tips, and activities while maintaining dignity and quality of life.”

Family caregivers include anyone who helps with care, including managing a family member’s medications, talking to doctors and nurses on their behalf, or simply preparing their meals and doing a few household chores.

About 80 percent of Arkansas’ older population who are still living in their home depend on family and friends for assistance. Dementia care at home can become more and more





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challenging. A better understanding of the disease may help families care for their loved one.

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