



Diamonds to Pearls

Using Teepa’s GEMS® to Identify the Progression of Dementia

Nov. 17 to Dec. 15, 2020

Five sessions
Meets on Tuesdays

Time:
10:00-11:30 am

Location:
Live-broadcast for online
attendance only.

Presenter:



Mary Donnelly has been a part of MemoryCare since 2003 – first as a caregiver when her mother became a patient, and is now coordinator of the MemoryCaregivers Network. Currently, Mary co-facilitates several area peer support groups, edits an online bi-monthly newsletter, Caregiver Network News, and is a frequent speaker on dementia issues. Mary is a Mentor/Trainer/Consultant for Teepa Snow, national dementia expert.

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This program will use Teepa Snow’s GEMS® State Model to help caregivers better understand the progression of dementia and how it applies to their particular caregiving situation.

Each session will focus on a different GEM®

- 11/17: Diamond
- 11/24: Emerald
- 12/1: Amber
- 12/8: Ruby
- 12/15: Pearl

Prior to registering, we recommend that you review the description of each of the five individual GEMS® states to determine which GEM(s)® are most relevant for you. We welcome you to take any or all of the five sessions as you choose.

To view the GEMS® descriptions and to REGISTER visit:

www.memorycare.org/gems

The GEMS® State Model recognizes the dynamic nature of the human brain and its abilities. Unlike other cognitive models, it acknowledges that everyone’s abilities can change in a moment. Modifying environments, situations, interactions, and expectations will create either supportive positive opportunities or result in distress and a sense of failure. Just as gemstones need different settings and care to show their best characteristics, so do people. Rather than focusing on a person’s loss when there is brain change, seeing individuals as precious, unique, and capable encourages a care partnership and is the core of this model. Providing supportive settings for everyone, including care providers, allows them to use what they have to be their best. The GEMS® State Model advocates that everyone living with brain change will shine when given the opportunity.

