CONFERENCE LEADER

Rev. Malcolm Marler, D.Min. founded The Care Team Network in 1994. The Care Team Network is sponsored by The 1917 Clinic at The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Medical Center, a respected HIV/AIDS research and treatment center where Rev. Marler is a chaplain.

The mission of the Care Team Network (CTN) is to be a training and resource center for the development of volunteer Care Teams for persons with health concerns or other special needs.

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CENTRAL WYOMING END OF LIFE COALITION

The Central Wyoming End of Life Coalition exists to assist communities in this region identify what unmet needs exist in the provision of quality end of life care for individuals and their families and to offer them assistance in meeting these needs.

If you would like more information on the Coalition, please call 307-577-2417 or 307-265-7755.
WHAT IS A CARE TEAM?

A Care Team is a group of volunteers working together to provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families with health concerns or other special needs.

This conference will focus on reaching out to persons at the end-of-life in our community, but participants may use this team approach to care for persons with any need.

WHAT DOES A CARE TEAM DO?

A Care Team’s activities may include transportation to the doctor or grocery store, household or yard chores.

Some people enjoy running errands, preparing meals, or providing social outings. Others prefer to visit, make phone calls, or provide a break for caregivers.

Team members simply do what they enjoy doing for others, when they are able, in an organized way with a built-in support system.

WHY ARE CARE TEAMS NEEDED?

The number of persons with needs is increasing due to persons living longer with fewer resources. Improved medical treatments help people live longer but not necessarily with a better quality of life.

A team approach represents a practical way individuals can work together to share the care to make a difference in the lives of others.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

AUDIENCE

This conference focuses on how to develop Care Teams for persons living with any illness, disability, or other special needs. Information presented should be of special interest to churches, senior centers, hospice programs, nursing homes, hospitals, and other organizations.

DATES AND TIME

The two-day conference will be on Wednesday and Thursday, April 30 and May 1, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The second day builds on the material from the first day. Check-in is from 8:00-8:30 each day.

LOCATION


COST

The cost of the two-day conference is $25 and includes lunch and refreshments for both days as well as a 200-page Guidebook and other handouts. Some scholarships are available, please call 577-2417 to inquire.

Continuing Education hours have been applied for and there may be an additional cost for processing credits. You may call 307-265-7755 for more information.

REGISTRATION

Please see the back panel of this brochure for registration information.

CONFERENCE CONTENT

Wednesday, April 30, 2003, 8:30-4:30 p.m.
Fundamentals of Care Team Development

provides an overview of the key components to the successful development of Care Teams. During the day we will learn how to:

- Identify the needs of someone, determine if a Care Team is wanted and needed,
- Introduce the Team Approach to others so that they understand how a team is different than the traditional one-one-one way of caring,
- Train a Care Team in your congregation, organization, or start a team for someone you know or someone in your community,
- Connect a Care Team with a Friend (recipient of care) and clarify expectations of everyone involved, and
- Equip the team with on-going support to keep it healthy and growing.

Thursday, May 1, 2003, 8:30-4:30 p.m.
Applications of Care Team Development

provides experiential training for participants from the previous day and helps apply the model to each person’s unique setting.

Participants will:

- Explore strengths and challenges of developing Care Teams in their setting,
- Learn how to integrate Care Teams with existing ministries or programs,
- Practice introducing the team approach to others and training Care Team Members,
- Learn how to develop a Leadership Team, a Care Team for Care Teams, to help participants have the local support they need following the conference.