

**2024 MALA Conference and Dementia Summit**  
**May 6 and 7, 2023**  
**Lansing Center**

**CEU Information**

If you attend the entire in-person conference, you will earn 8 AFC CEUs and have access to virtual sessions to complete your 16 AFC CEUs. If you are unable to attend in-person, you can complete your 16 AFC CEUs through virtual sessions. Virtual sessions are available at your convenience during the months of May and June.

\*Please note that in 2024 we are unable to offer CEUs for nurses, social workers, and nursing home administrators. AFC CEUS will be made available.

**In-Person Sessions at the Lansing Center**

Monday, May 6  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Workshop A**

**Developing A Memory Café: A Guide to Creating Connections for Persons Living with Dementia**

**Presenter:** Lisa Dedden Cooper, Manager of Advocacy, AARP Michigan and a Panel of Persons Living with Dementia

**Workshop B**

**Caring, Compassion and Communication in Supporting Vulnerable Adults**

**Presenters:** Erin Wallace, and Kathleen Murphy, General Counsel, Michigan Assisted Living Association

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Workshop A**

**Benefits of an Early Diagnosis**

**Presenter:** Brenda Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Assisted Living Association, and a Panel of Persons Living with Dementia

**Workshop B**

**MDHHS Key Issues Update for Providers Funded through the Community Mental Health System**

**Presenter:** Meghan Groen, Senior Chief Deputy, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

Tuesday, May 7  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

**Plenary Session**

**Michigan Assisted Living Association Welcome and Update**

**Presenters:** Robert Stein, General Counsel, Michigan Assisted Living Association; Kathleen Murphy, General Counsel, Michigan Assisted Living Association; and John Williams, Board President, Michigan Assisted Living Association Board of Directors

**Legislative Update**

**Presenter:** Melissa McKinley, President, Kelly Cawthorne

**Gratitude Journey: Navigating Personal and Professional Intersections**

**Presenter:** Brenda Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Assisted Living Association

10:30 – 12:00 p.m.

**Workshop A**

**What your Organization Needs to Know About Recent Changes in the Law: Hot Topics and Guidance on Issues Impacting Providers**

**Presenter:** Christian A. Lobb, J.D., M.P.A. Attorney, Bator Lobb, P.C.

**Workshop B**

**Persons Living with Dementia Revolutionizing Dementia Support**

**Presenter:** Brenda Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Assisted Living Association, and a Panel of Persons Living with Dementia

**Workshop C**

**Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind: What Can You Do to be Ready to Provide Support?**

**Presenter:** Chris Hench, DeafCan!

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Grab and Go Lunch** – Box lunches and seating will be available in the banquet room. Attendees can grab lunch and network with others or use the time to catch up on pressing emails and phone calls.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Workshop A**

**2024 Risk Management Update: What's The Worst That Could Happen?**

**Presenter:** Daniel P. Hale, President, Michigan Business Insurance, Marsh & McLennan Agency

**Workshop B**

**Activities and Engagement: The Perspective of Persons Living with Dementia**

**Presenter:** Brenda Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Assisted Living Association, and a Panel of Persons Living with Dementia

**Workshop C**

**When MIOSHA Visits**

**Presenter:** Augustine Syrový, Occupational Safety Consultant, MIOHSA, CET Division

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Workshop A**

**Adult Foster Care Licensing Update**

**Presenter:** Jay Calewarts, Division Director, AFC and Camp Licensing Division

**Workshop B**

**Developing and Implementing a Crisis Communication Plan**

**Presenter:** Donna Hondorp, Owner & Chief Strategist, DH Communications, LLC

**Workshop C**

**Health Care Facilities: Licensing Update for Homes for the Aged Licensed for 21 or More**

**Presenter:** Andrea L. Moore, Manager, Long-Term Care State Licensing Section Health Facility Licensing, Permits, and Support Division Bureau of Community and Health Systems Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs