



**JF&CS to Host Symposium: Toward a Dementia-Inclusive Community**  
*Tools and Inspiration from National Innovators*

**WALTHAM, MA** (November 3, 2015) – The November 12, 2015 symposium, presented by Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS), will explore ways that communities can better include and support the growing number of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's or a related disorder. This is the fourth biennial symposium in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter.

Massachusetts Secretary of Elder Affairs, Alice Bonner, PhD, RN will offer opening remarks.

Presenters include:

- Gary Glazner, poet, Founder of the Alzheimer's Poetry Project, Director of the Memory Arts Café, Brooklyn, New York
- Susan McFadden, PhD, and John McFadden, MDiv, leaders in the Wisconsin-based Fox Valley Memory Project, and authors of *Aging Together: Dementia, Friendship, & Flourishing Communities*

Our speakers will guide us in exploring best practices from around the US and the world and considering adaptations appropriate to our region.

Professionals from all sectors, including clergy, police departments, social service and health care providers, as well as those personally affected by dementia will be taking part in this sold out day of learning and dialogue.

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**About Jewish Family & Children's Service**

For 150 years, Jewish Family & Children's Service has provided exceptional human service and health care programs, guided by Jewish traditions of social responsibility, compassion, and respect for all members of the community. With an integrated network of more than 40 programs serving communities throughout Eastern and Central Massachusetts, JF&CS helps people of all faiths and backgrounds meet life's challenges. JF&CS programs focus on serving particularly vulnerable populations including children and adults with disabilities or mental illness, new mothers and their infants, seniors living with chronic conditions, and people experiencing financial crisis, hunger, or domestic abuse. Please visit [www.jfcsboston.org](http://www.jfcsboston.org) for more information.

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