

# Resource Spotlight

USC Leonard Davis  
Family Caregiver Support Center

**A**re you taking care of someone with dementia or Alzheimer's? Does your loved one have a tendency to wander? According to the Alzheimer's Association, 60% of people with dementia will wander at some point. L.A. Found is a groundbreaking countywide initiative to help locate people with Alzheimer's, dementia, or autism who wander. L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who championed establishing this program, said "L.A. Found will not only save lives— it will provide peace of mind to

caretakers countywide. They will know they are not alone. The County is just as committed to keeping their loved ones safe as they are."

As part of the L.A. Found initiative, Project Lifesaver provides a voluntary system of trackable bracelets for at-risk individuals. The Project Lifesaver tracking system is currently being used by cities across the county.

When a person wearing a Project Lifesaver bracelet

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- **June 4th, 6:00-7:30 PM: Rancho Palos Verdes Support Group**  
Location: Mary & Joseph Retreat Center  
5300 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
- **June 4th, 2:00-4:00 PM: "Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers" (Long Beach)**  
Location: Grace First Presbyterian Church (Fireside Room)  
3955 Studebaker Rd., Long Beach, CA 90808  
**THIS CLASS IS FULL; REGISTRATION IS CLOSED.**
- **June 5th & 19th, 1:00-2:30 PM: Pasadena Support Group**  
Location: Pasadena Senior Center  
85 E. Holly St., Pasadena, CA 91103
- **June 6th, 1:00-2:30 PM: Santa Fe Springs Support Group (Presented in Spanish)**  
Location: Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
9255 S. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
- **June 10th, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM: Legal & Financial Planning Conference**  
Location: Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center  
9255 S. Pioneer Blvd., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.fcscgero.org](http://www.fcscgero.org) OR TOLL-FREE 1-855-872-6060.**
- **June 11th & 25th, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM: First AME Church Support Group (\*PEER-LED\*)**  
Location: First AME Church: Allen House  
2249 South Harvard, Los Angeles, CA 90018
- **June 12th, 10:00-11:30 AM: Rosemead Support Group**  
Location: California Mission Inn (Massie Hall)  
8417 Mission Dr., Rosemead, CA 91770
- **June 12th & 26th, 12:00-2:00 PM: USC Support Group**  
Location: LACRC@USC - Davis School of Gerontology
- **June 13th, 4:30-6:00 PM: Claremont Support Group**  
Location: Claremont Manor Care Center (OT Room)  
621 W. Bonita Ave., Claremont, CA 91711
- **June 13th, 6:00-7:30 PM: SPANISH Telephone Support Group**  
Please register by calling toll-free (855) 872-6060.
- **June 19th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Downey Support Group**  
Location: Remita Health  
12620 Erickson Ave., Downey, CA 90242
- **June 19th, 1:30-3:00 PM: Azusa Support Group**  
Location: Silverado Sierra Vista Memory Care Community  
125 Sierra Madre Ave., Azusa, CA 91702
- **June 20th, 9:00-11:00 AM: "C.A.L.M. About: Understanding Resistance and Difficult Behaviors" (Baldwin Park)**  
Location: Kaiser Permanente Medical Center  
1011 Baldwin Park Blvd., Baldwin Park, CA 91706  
Basement Conference Rooms
- **June 24th, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM: Pasadena Village Support Group**  
Location: The Pasadena Village  
236 W. Mountain St., Ste. 104, Pasadena, CA 91103
- **June 26th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Pico Rivera Support Group**  
Location: Pico Rivera Senior Center  
9200 Mines Ave., Pico Rivera, CA 90660
- **June 26th, 6:00-7:30 PM: LGBTQ Support Group**  
Location: Pasadena Central Library (4th Floor Conference Room)  
285 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, CA 91101
- **June 27th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Caregivers' Circle**  
Location: Potrero Heights Community & Senior Center  
8051 Arroyo Dr., Montebello, CA 90640
- **June 27th, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM: Long Beach Support Group**  
Location: Grace First Presbyterian Church (Fireside Room)  
3955 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, CA 90808
- **June 27th, 6:00-7:30 PM: Lake View Terrace Support Group (\*PEER-LED\*)**  
Location: Lake View Terrace Library  
12002 Osborne St., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
- **June 27th, 6:30-8:00 PM: Telephone Support Group**  
Please register by calling toll-free (855) 872-6060.

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goes missing, caregivers are asked to quickly call 911 and advise the operator that the missing person is wearing a Project Lifesaver bracelet. The Project Lifesaver bracelet is not under constant monitoring.

Once the person is reported missing, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deploys a specially equipped team to assist with search and rescue. The Sheriff's Department can also use helicopter-mounted receivers to assist the ground search team to help locate the missing person.

Do you qualify for Project Lifesaver? The L.A. County Sheriff's Department and/or Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services

(WDACS) will need to speak with the family caregiver to complete a brief phone interview. If the person you care for qualifies, you will be sent instructions on how to purchase the bracelet directly from Project Lifesaver. WDACS will assist you in registering the device with the Sheriff's Department, setting up the bracelet and training the caregiver on how to replace the battery.

A bracelet costs \$325.00 plus tax and shipping. Leasing options are also available through Project Lifesaver. If you cannot afford a bracelet, you may qualify for a free bracelet. For more information, please call 1-833-569-7651 or contact your assigned Family Care Navigator for a referral.



LACRC@USC has been empowering family caregivers in the Los Angeles area since 1989. It is part of a statewide system of 11 Caregiver Resource Centers throughout California.



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