Home Care Agency Marks Alzheimer's Awareness Month With PATH Program

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BATON ROUGE, LA - October 30, 2026 -
Griswold Home Care for Baton Rouge is marking Alzheimer's Awareness Month in November by introducing the PATH dementia care program, following Luci Garnett's completion of the PATH dementia trainer certification at Griswold headquarters from October 20 to 22, 2026. Over the coming months, she will train select Caregivers in dementia care, and the agency will begin using the PATH assessment with clients in Baton Rouge.

Griswold Home Care for Baton Rouge provides Alzheimer's and Dementia Care for older adults across Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish, and PATH gives that care a structured starting point. PATH stands for Personalized Approach, Training and Holistic Support, and it is a dementia program exclusive to Griswold that launched in 2026. The program pairs a client assessment, which identifies which of six levels of dementia support a person needs, with in-person Caregiver training matched to those needs.

The training covers person-centered care, communication, managing difficult behaviors, and recognizing the stages of dementia. As the agency's certified PATH trainer, Garnett will lead the in-person sessions herself, working first with a select group of Caregivers. Caregiver training will be phased in over the coming months

as sessions are completed. Alzheimer's Awareness Month, observed each November, provides the agency with a natural opportunity to introduce the program.

An estimated 7.4 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's in 2026, according to the Alzheimer's Association. The organization estimates that about 94,700 Louisianans in that age group have the disease, including about 8,800 in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Behind those figures are households where a son, daughter, or other relative is arranging day-to-day support for someone living with memory loss. Those relatives often work full-time or live elsewhere in the metro, and they need to know that the Caregiver arriving at the house has been prepared for the kind of support the person requires. A structured assessment gives those families and the Caregiver a shared picture of where support should begin.

Because the training is organized around the same six levels as the assessment, a Caregiver's preparation can line up with what the assessment shows a client needs. Caregiver matching is already part of how the agency initiates care, occurring during care planning and before the first shift begins. As training rolls out, the PATH assessment will add a clearer picture of the level of support each client needs, which can then inform that matching.

?Families caring for someone with dementia want to know the Caregiver walking through the door understands what their loved one is living with,? said Hunter Dale, Owner, Griswold Home Care for Baton Rouge. ?Lucionda earning her PATH trainer certification means we can bring that training to our own Caregivers here, starting with a select group and building from there. Using the assessment will help us match the right level of support to each client from the beginning.?

PATH training and the agency's broader Alzheimer's and Dementia Care fall under its non-medical home care. Caregivers provide supervision, companionship, and assistance with daily routines, including support for clients at risk of wandering. Meal preparation and light housekeeping can form part of the same visit. Diagnosis, treatment, and any clinical decisions remain with each person's own physicians and healthcare providers.

Families seeking broader support in the area can also turn to Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, a nonprofit serving families affected by Alzheimer's and dementia across Greater Baton Rouge. More information about its work is available on the organization's website, and it operates independently of the agency.

For Baton Rouge families supporting someone with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, PATH adds an assessment-led approach to care and a Caregiver training program that will grow over the coming months. Both the assessment and the training will be introduced in stages rather than all at once. Further information about the agency is available on its Facebook page.

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