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Credentials & Education

Licensed Marriage, Family, Child Counselor – License # MFC 28401
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Care Manager Certified (CMC), NACCM, Certificate #C-0707
California Teaching Credential, Designated Subject: Adult Education
M.A., Clinical Psychology - John F. Kennedy University | Orinda, CA
B.A., Sociology, Social Service Option - California State University, Hayward . CA | June 1982

Experience

2019-Present: Consultant with Home Care Assistance
2019-Present: Private Practice - Counseling, Coaching and Consultations
1989-2019: Founder/President, Eldercare Services | Walnut Creek, CA
1991-Present: Psychotherapist, Private Practice – Marriage Family Therapist | Walnut Creek, CA
2011-2015: Instructor, John F. Kennedy University
2010-2011: President, Aging Life Care Association formerly known as National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers
2006-2008: President, Western Region Chapter of National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers
1991-2001: Facilitator/Instructor, Mt. Diablo Medical Center | Concord, CA
1984-1990: Director, Diablo Respite Center for Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders | Walnut Creek, CA
1986-1989: Gerontology Consultant, Diablo Valley Foundation for Aging | Walnut Creek, CA
1984-1986: Case Manager, Independent Contractor – Area Agency on Aging | Contra Costa County
1981-1982: Intern, Area Office on Aging | Contra Costa County

Biography

Linda Fodrini-Johnson, MA, MFT, CMC, is a pioneer in developing programs for individuals with Alzheimer’s dementia. She provides lectures; workshops and training for numerous professional groups, community agencies and volunteer groups on a variety of subjects related to aging, dementia and caregiver stress.

For six years, she served as the Director of the Diablo Respite Center (DRC), the first social respite program for persons with dementia in the East Bay (San Francisco Area). At DRC, she created a unique program for men and women in the early stages of memory loss. This program, which arranges group activities and outings, was the first of its kind in the United States. Linda served as a volunteer on the DRC’s steering committee for 16 years.

Linda created a day long educational class, “The Family Circus: Walking the Tightrope of Elder Care and Aging,” that has been offered in local churches, community centers and portions of the program are offered free in the offices of Eldercare Services. She also created a Dementia Series to empower family members offered free many times per year.

She partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to provide employment training to welfare recipients (CalWorks) – helping them become caregivers for older adults.

In 2013 - Current - Supporter of the Lamorinda Village, a grass roots organization designed and run by seniors to support living independently. Linda first served on the task force to start the Village and now serves on the outreach committee. Linda has done many classes for this Village as well as the Clayton and Walnut Creek Villages.

In December 2008, Linda went in front of the Board of Supervisors for the Adult Protective Services of Contra Costa County to plead they not cut the budget. During her rigorous plea she requested the board put on glasses that mimicked cataracts so they could see how easily it is for seniors to be scammed.

Linda is an active member of Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church in Lafayette, CA. She is a third generation San Franciscan and has lived in the Bay Area all her life. She is married and has three grown children and five grandchildren.

*Professional
Affiliations*

Fellow, Aging Life Care Association formerly known as National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers
Member, Western Region Chapter of National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers
Member, Alzheimer's Care Planning for San Francisco Expert Panel
Member, American Society on Aging
Member, California Association of Marriage Family Therapists

*Awards &
Honors*

2014 to 2019, Eldercare Services became accredited by the Joint Commission for Home Care.
2014, Named in the Contra Costa Commission for Women's Hall of Fame for Women in Leadership.
2014, Linda was commended for her exemplary record of civic leadership by the California State Legislative Assembly.
2011, Linda received the distinctive honor of receiving the National Association of Professional Care Managers B.J. Curry Spitler Community Service Award.
2011, Linda received the Dorland Health Silver Crown Award for her outstanding contributions to the adult and senior community in geriatric Care Management.
2010, Linda was honored as a San Francisco Bay Area Hometown Hero by the Bay Area News Group and Comcast Cable for her excellence in serving and educating the community on the challenges of aging.
2009, Linda received a Certificate of Honor from San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome for her invaluable and insightful professional expertise and commitment to the community.
2007, Linda received the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers' highest honor, the Adele Elkind Award, for her years of experience, commitment and advancement to the field, leadership, and mentoring to other geriatric care professionals.
2007, John F. Kennedy University Graduate School of Professional Psychology alumna honored Linda Fodrini-Johnson with the Kennedy Laureate Award. This award "honors members of the Bay Area community who have demonstrated a career-long embodiment of our late president's call to service."
2002-2004, Linda Fodrini-Johnson named one of the Top 100 Women-Owned Businesses in the Bay Area, San Francisco Business Times.
2003-2004, Eldercare Services – Listed as one of the Top 100 Fastest Growing Private Companies in the Bay Area, San Francisco Business Times.
2003, Honored with the Chapter Member of the Year Award, National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers, Western Regional Chapter.
2001, Entrepreneurial Excellence Award, Working Women Magazine.
2000, Alumna of the Year, Linda Fodrini-Johnson, Founder Eldercare Services. Graduate School of Professional Psychology, John F. Kennedy University.
1998, Community Advocate Award, National Association of Women Business Owners.
1990, Acalanes Adult Center, Lafayette, Ca, Outstanding Teaching Service Award