This year's conference is designed for both family and professional caregivers. Some sessions are for both, while the concurrent sessions will be separate.

Please see guide below and ensure you are signing up for the right session.
(P) – Professional
(F) – Family Caregiver
(P/F) – Both family and professional

7:30 – 8:10 AM  Registration / Coffee

8:10 – 8:15  Welcome and Introduction (P/F)
Rosy Hill, MD

8:15 – 8:30  DAIL Update (P/F)
Camille George, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Aging & Independent Living

8:30 – 9:30  KEYNOTE: Improving Care with Improv (P/F)
Karen Stobbe, Alzheimer’s Educator, Trainer, and Improv Performer

9:30 – 10:45  CONCURRENT SESSIONS I (repeated in Session II)
Professional Track
Choice 1 (P) Using Positive Language to Shape the Culture of Memory Care
Ellen Meagher, MS
Ellen Gagner

Choice 2 (P) Facilitating Connection, Fostering Engagement - Developing a Social Environment in a Residential Setting
Michelle Tristani, MS/CCC-SLP
Jessie Cornell, MSW, CDP

Choice 3 (P) Dementia, Depression, and Mild Cognitive Impairment
Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH, AGSF

Family Caregiver Track
Choice 1 (F) Your Role as a Caregiver when your loved one is hospitalized
Shelly Barton, RN, Geriatric Nurse Clinician, UVM MC
Jeanne Hutchins, MA

Choice 2 (F) From One Caregiver to Another
Karen Stobbe

Choice 3 (F) Cognitive Therapeutics: A Piece of the Holistic Care Puzzle
Julie Richards, PhD, MSW
Phyllis Perry

10:45 – 11:00  BREAK
11:00 – 12:15 PM  
PANEL – Planning for Long Term Care (P/F)  
Michele Betit  
Glenn Jarrett, Esq.  
Rosy Hill, MD  
Megan Tierney-Ward  
Samantha Wendel, CMC, CSA, CDP, VT Aging Life Care Professional™

12:15 – 1:15  
Lunch (included in your registration)

1:15 – 2:30  
CONCURRENT SESSIONS II (repeated from Session I)

2:30 – 2:45  
BREAK

2:45 – 4:00  
PANEL - End of Life: Hospice and Palliative Care Services (P/F)  
Jaina Clough, MD  (Moderator)  
Charley MacMartin  
Ashley Hodgetts, RN  
Joanna Guyette, MSW  
Carol Snow

4:00 – 4:15  
Wrap-up with Karen Stobbe (P/F)

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SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW
The Center on Aging at the University of Vermont (UVM) is pleased to present the 2018 Gerontology Symposium. The goal of the symposium is to provide current, research-based information on topics relevant to the broad range of health and service providers who work with our diverse, rapidly growing population of older adults.

This year’s conference is titled Caregiving for Persons Living with Dementia: Families and Professionals Working Together. For the first time, the conference is designed for both family and professional caregivers.

Karen Stobbe, will set the stage with her keynote performance: Improving Care with Improv. There will be an opportunity to interact with colleagues from numerous Vermont organizations, including exhibitors. A student poster session will round out the conference.

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