Family Resilience and Dementia
A Model for Family Life Education
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Dementia and the Family

- Characteristics of types of dementia
- Current & projected prevalence in U.S. & globally
Family Life Education and Dementia

- Family Life Educator role

- Caregiving families encounter
  - Status risk
  - Ambiguous loss
  - Specific caregiving stressors
  - Other life stressors

(Bailey & Gordon, 2016; Boss, 2011; Henry et al., 2018; Qualls & Williams, 2013)
Risk, Protection, and Adaptation

- As related to dementia and disease progression
- As related to pre-established family patterns
Family Adaptation Systems

Family Meaning System

Family Emotion System

Family Control System

Family Maintenance System

Family Stress Response System

(Henry, Morris, & Harrist, 2015)
P - Stages in the progression of dementia

R - Reframing to create meanings that increase manageability

P - Accessing protection through family adaptive systems (FAS)

N – Competently navigating family life and dementia
Candy Family Vignette

- James Candy
- Jennifer Candy
- Overall Family System
- Family-Ecosystem Interface
- Grandchildren
- Adult Children
Roles and rules and PRPN

- Progression of dementia
- Reframing meanings
- Accessing protection
- Competently navigate
Meaning making and PRPN

- Progression of dementia
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Communication patterns and PRPN

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Selected References


THANK YOU!!!