

**Specialized Alzheimer's
Day Care Program St. Lucie**

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**24 Hour Crisis
Line**

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Therapeutic Activities	Examples of Therapeutic Activities	Definitions
Cognitive	Word Games, Math Games, Trivia Games, Reminiscence, Board Games, "Current" Events, Morning Announcements, Tabletop Activities-coloring, bean sorting, puzzles, patient specific individual tasks	Encouraging thinking, reasoning, reminiscing; stimulating retained/long-term memories and integrating those memories into activities; acknowledging and accepting the patient's perception of his/her "world" in a supportive, engaging, nonjudgmental environment; encouraging and rewarding creativity
Physical	Chair Exercise, Dancing, Arts and Crafts, Noodle Ball/Volleyball, Dancing, Magnetic Darts, Bean Bag Toss, Bowling	Exercising both gross motor and fine motor skills; facilitating movement and maximizing physical independence while optimizing safety
Social	Building a Story, Trivia "Competition", Music Therapy, Sing-along, Group craft building, Group discussion, Group Games	Honoring the human condition and need for relationships and social contact; encouraging social interaction and connection with peers based on shared interests and abilities; acknowledging the patient's successes, maximizing dignity and self-esteem
Spiritual	Non-judgmental safe environment at all times. Music-patient's choice, Recognizing unique culture and faiths in discussions and in song, positive reinforcement of all endeavors	Promoting balance between the patient's inner and outer worlds; honoring the family's heritage and culture, providing an atmosphere of calm, harmony, and safety where the patient can be him/herself with pride; respecting each person's unique belief system
Emotional	Positive Communication at all times: Validation, Therapeutic Touch, Praise/Encouragement, Positive Behavioral Interventions	Understanding and compassionately caring for the patient's emotional needs by providing a nurturing environment; communicating with the patient in a supportive, validating manner, with understanding of, and empathy for, limitations imposed by Alzheimer's disease or a related neurocognitive disorder; communicating positively both verbally and nonverbally guided by the patient's abilities