

At Brain Camp, you will learn how to create a personal plan to build your cognitive reserve.

The last 17 years have produced hundreds of significant studies about the most effective ways to avoid having symptoms of Alzheimer's. Much of the information is confusing and even contradictory. Brain Camp sorts it out and presents the lifestyle that has been proven to prevent Alzheimer's disease in large populations.

During the Nun's Study which began in 1986, Dr. David Snowdon and his associates discovered that many of the elderly nuns who had been teaching right up to their deaths had severe Alzheimer's disease. They were still functioning cognitively with absolutely no symptoms of the disease.

Snowdon had chosen a religious order to study because many variables were controlled. He had access to extensive medical records and the biographies written early in life by the nuns.

After years of study, researchers concluded that most of the nuns had maintained good vascular health through exercise and nutrition, and that they were life-long learners.

Doctors examined and discussed the Nun's Study and other data for years and in 2006 Dr. Yaakov Stern published "The Theory of Cognitive Reserve."

Snowdon's book "Aging with Grace" recounts the beginning of the landmark study.

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Brain Camp

Established 2011

Build your cognitive reserve to avoid or delay having symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

"Alzheimer's can be prevented, and in many cases, its associated cognitive decline can be reversed."

Dr. Dale Bredeesen, in an interview May 14, 2018

"These are choices you make that determine where you'll be in the future."

Dr. Rudi Tanzi, Massachusetts General Hospital

Brain Camp V cites new statistics, conclusions, and comments from 47 sources - trials, studies, medical journals, and a few fascinating best-selling books.

Brain Camp V explains:

- The difference between dementia and Alzheimer's.
- What stress has to do with AD.
- The 13 triggers of Alzheimer's.
- The six subtypes of AD.
- What foods to eliminate from your diet.
- The MINIMUM amount of exercise for brain health.
- How brain plasticity benefits you.
- If there is an "AD personality" type.
- What part gratitude and humor play in brain health.
- Which mental activities are most beneficial.
- Why 8 hours of sleep is critical to brain health
- And much more...

Building *optimum* cognitive reserve starts early in life. However, research indicates that it's never too late to begin the lifestyle changes that may result in delaying symptoms of dementia. Those changes also result in better physical, mental, and emotional health.

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Please see our website or Facebook for the next scheduled Brain Camp

Call 979-235-9195 to register for all classes, which are limited in size.

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First Presbyterian's January 2021
Graduating class

Many guest instructors provide exercise demonstrations, information about nutrition, and education about various aspects of brain health.

Introducing our trainers...

Erika Longoria, Gathering Place Education Coordinator, retired from teaching and is a Volunteer@Large for the Gathering Place and serves on the Board of Directors. Erika volunteers for all special Gathering Place and Brazoria County Alzheimer's Awareness Project events.

Dennis Hastings has extensive experience in public speaking around the U.S. and worldwide. He has previously worked in healthcare administration, direct patient care, clinical education, medical sales and marketing.

Brenda Maust, founder of the Gathering Place and the Brazoria County Alzheimer's Awareness Project, conceptualized and started research for Brain Camp in 2010. The first Brain Camp in April, 2011 was co-sponsored by the City of Angleton Parks and Recreation Dept. and Texas AgriLife. She continues her research and now presents Version V of Brain Camp.

Brain Camp is an educational component of Brazoria County Gathering Place Interfaith Ministries, Inc.

We offer a number of different Alzheimer's talks on prevention, risks, diagnosis and treatment, and communication with a person with a memory disorder. To book a speaker, Call Dale Libby at 979-236-5393.