



Wednesday, March 5, PM Workshop 1

Late-Life Suicide: The Role of Healthcare Professionals

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Dr. Jim Collins is a nationally recognized gerontologist based in Ohio. He spent his early career receiving a bachelor's degree in Gerontological Studies, a master's degree in Sociology and Psychology of Aging, a Certificate in Gerontology and Life-Span Development and a Ph.D. in Health Administration.

Collins' first business was Geropsychiatric Practice in Northeast Ohio, where he managed a group of psychiatrists and psychotherapists for several years. He then began a long-term care consulting company, consulted several companies and began public speaking.

Collins developed Collins Learning in 2010, which provides senior care facilities, continuing education and compliance training. Another company, CEU Academy, was formed seven years ago and provides continuing education to individual licensed healthcare professionals like nurses, social workers, HR directors and administrators.

Collins has written extensively in healthcare publications, wrote the first book on person-centered care in the U.S., entitled *The Person-Centered Way: Revolutionizing Quality of Life in Long-Term Care*. He writes regularly for his blog drjimcollins.com and has published his second book, *Living Longer and Stronger with CBD*.