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**Expert to speak on coping with early stage Alzheimer’s Disease**

Robyn Yale, a leading expert on helping individuals and families cope with early stage Alzheimer’s Disease, will speak September 13 at 7 p.m. at Bethany Homes, 201 S. University Drive in Fargo. Yale’s appearance is free and open to the public and is the kick-off event for the *Northern Plains Conference on Aging and Disability*, which continues September 14-15 at the Holiday Inn.

Organizers have scheduled a tour of Bethany Towers and Kinder House from 6 to 7 p.m. Yale’s presentation, “Early Stage Alzheimer’s Disease: Focusing on Vitality and Capability,” will follow and will include an overview of the issues unique to the early stages of the disease and the benefits of support groups. She will also challenge existing stereotypes about people with early dementia.

Yale is a licensed clinical social worker. Based in San Francisco, she has over 20 years of experience in the fields of aging and Alzheimer’s Disease and is recognized for her pioneering work in developing support group models for people with Alzheimer’s Disease. In 2002, she received the Mind Alert Award from the American Society of Aging.

No registration is required for Yale’s presentation. For information about other events affiliated with the Northern Plains Conference on Aging and Disability and associated conference registration fees, visit <http://www.state.nd.us/humanservices/calendar/2005/docs/npcad.pdf>, or contact Sandy Arends at the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Southeast Human Service Center, 701-298-4420 or 1-888-342-4900, e-mail: [85ares@state.nd.us](mailto:85ares@state.nd.us).

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