

Alzheimer's Orange County and Acacia Adult Day Services are Merging

County's At-Risk Seniors Benefit from Merger

Many in Orange County's health care industry are familiar with Acacia Adult Day Services and Alzheimer's Orange County (AOC). Both are known for their work with older, frail adults with disabilities, memory loss, Alzheimer's or other dementias.

But did you know that they are in the process of merging? By combining both organizations' resources, it will enable them to serve more individuals and families throughout Orange County.



AOC's plan is to provide more in-person care to families, by expanding into adult day services and respite care. They accomplished that in 2016 when AOC began operating South County Adult Day Services — one of the few licensed adult day health centers in South Orange County — started by Age Well more than 20 years ago.

"We are proud of the progress we have made with South County Adult Day Services and how much more of south Orange County we have been able to serve," said Jim McAleer, President and CEO of AOC.

"However, a large area of Orange County still needs our help, and this merger with Acacia will allow us to reach more families in the northern and central parts of the county."



Last year, AOC moved South County Adult Day Services, into a new 11,000 square foot building in Laguna Woods. Acacia and AOC will open additional new space near Acacia's current location to offer more programs and services. Long-term plans include reaching more families in the northern and central parts of Orange County.

"Our board of directors witnessed the advancement of South County Adult Day Services under the oversight and direction of AOC's team, so when AOC approached us with a merger proposal with the promise of the same transformation, we couldn't say no," said Mallory Vega, Executive Director at Acacia. "AOC's reputation for its work in senior and dementia care is incomparable, and we look forward to working with them to make a greater impact in the community."

Both entities will continue to operate under their respective names after the merger is complete. Acacia will be incorporated into AOC's programming and branding by July 1, 2017.

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