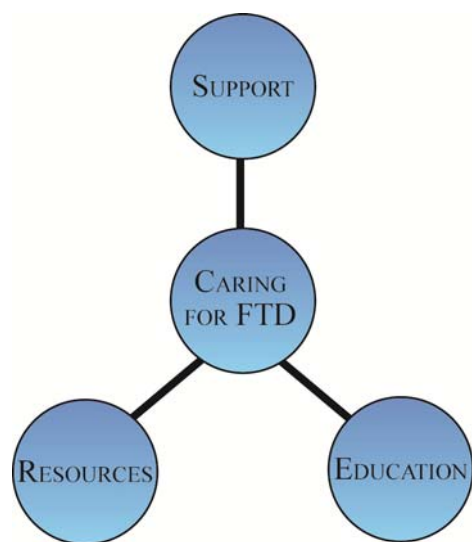


HOUSTON AREA

FRONTOTEMPORAL DEMENTIA (FTD) CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



... meeting monthly for relatives, friends and caregivers of FTD patients for support, resource sharing and education about FTD.

Our Group

Our members care about each other and are available to each other for support, education, knowledge, information and resource sharing.

We meet once a month in the Houston area.

We will strive for an environment in which everyone's experiences are respected and people feel welcome to talk, listen, laugh, or cry as they feel comfortable.

If you are too far or otherwise unable to attend, please contact us. We are considering telephone access to our meetings.

Our Journey

Our loved ones suffer from Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD). As soon as we received the diagnosis (which often took years), we felt some relief. But this was followed, almost immediately, with major concerns, questions, fears and anxieties.

We returned home, with our loved one, knowing only one thing for sure; "I have no idea how we are going to get through this."

Some of us attended Alzheimer's Support Groups and found them to be helpful. But, in most cases, our loved one's age and symptoms are not at all the same. We wanted something more specific.

Yes, We are Here!

Some of us are caring for a spouse, parent, child, relative, or friend. Some of us want to know more to be able to support a friend or relative who is the primary caregiver to their loved one with FTD. Some of us have already passed through this journey and now want to offer our experience and support to those still on this road.

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This group is one of a growing number of independent FTD caregiver support groups in the US and Canada networked by the Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD). AFTD provides information, education and resources that strengthen the ability of support groups to meet the needs of those caring for a loved one with FTD.

<http://www.theaftd.org/>

FTD is a group of poorly understood, neurodegenerative conditions of the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain that differ from other dementias in important ways. Onset of FTD often occurs in the 40's and 50's; with the average age of diagnosis about 60 and the hallmark of FTD is a gradual, progressive decline in behavior and/or language (rather than memory). As the disease progresses, these deficits cause significant impairment in social and/or occupational functioning and result in an increasing dependency on caregivers.

Location & Time

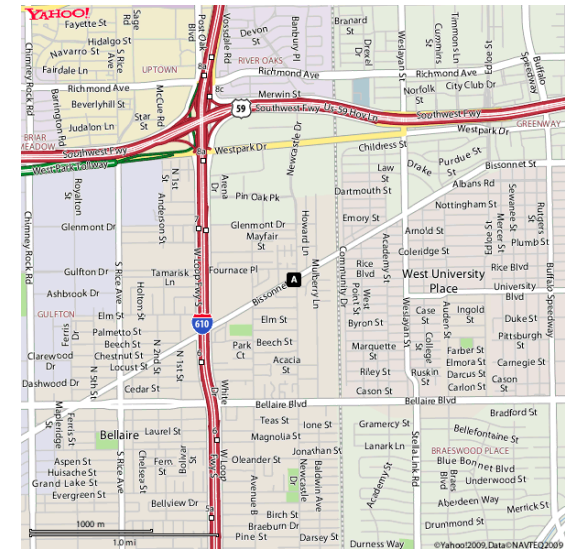
The Houston Area FTD Caregivers Support Group meets the second Thursday of every month from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Easter Seals-Greater Houston office (located in the Neighborhood Centers, Inc. building) 4500 Bissonnet, Suite 350 Bellaire, Texas 77401

***Please enter at the glass doors by the glass brick. Take the elevator or stairs to the 3rd floor, and follow the signs directing you to our meeting.**

Disclaimer:

No mental health services are being offered or provided; Easter Seals Greater Houston is not endorsing these meetings, they are only offering space and are released from any liability.

Map & Directions



From 610 (West Loop), exit Bissonnet, turn east on Bissonnet for approximately 1/2 mile. It is on the northwest corner of Bissonnet and Newcastle across from Shipley Donuts in the Neighborhood Centers, Inc. Bldg.

From 59 North, exit Newcastle and turn south for approximately 1 mile, it will be on the right on the corner of Bissonnet.

From 59 South, take 610 South and follow the 610 directions above.