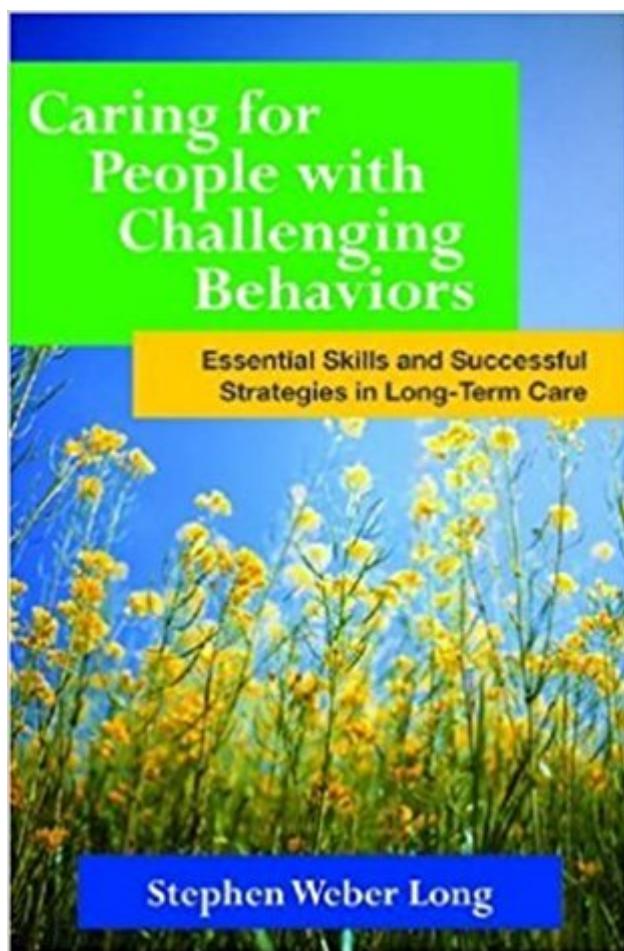


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# Caring For People With Challenging Behaviors: Essential Skills And Successful Strategies For Long-Term Care



## **Synopsis**

In Caring for People with Challenging Behaviors, caregiving staff can find effective ways to prevent, reduce, or eliminate disruptive behaviors exhibited by residents in long-term care settings. Nearly 80% of LTC residents have some degree of moderate to severe behavior problems, stemming from mental illness, dementia, difficult personalities, longstanding behavior patterns, or personal distress. This new book provides practical, evidence-based coping and intervention strategies for use in care planning and day-to-day care. Through vignettes of readily recognizable resident types, staff will learn to understand what triggers and reinforces residents' challenging behavior. Solutions come from identifying the interpersonal ABCs of behavior the antecedents, the behaviors, and the consequences and using communication techniques and other effective psychological approaches to encourage positive behavior.

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behavioral approaches come alive for the direct care staff and ... provides practical step-by-step approaches for controlling the range of difficult behaviors often encountered in long term care. This book will be useful to staff members and supervisors who face the daily challenge of providing care in the long term care settings." (Michael A. Smyer, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology Boston College 2001-01-01) "Intended and primarily recommended for professionals and para-professionals working with residents, Caring for People with Challenging Behaviors is also very useful and informative reading for concerned family members." (Midwest Book Review 2001-01-01)"an excellent resource both for health care professionals and enlightened administrators preparing themselves for careers in long term care settings. Dr. Long ... has authored a well-written, practical guide for dealing with a wide range of problem behaviors. This book will be very helpful for understanding and managing difficult situations involving physically frail and cognitively impaired older adults residing in community, assisted living facility, and nursing home environments." (Victor Molinari, Ph.D., ABPP, Professor Department of Aging and Mental Health, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida 2001-01-01)

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The book is great I was looking for information to present to long term care staff on how to deal with difficult behaviors this book has meet my expectations... The agency that I work for the therapist 's write treatment plans and this book is a handy tool for them especially when we get new employees new to Mental Health...

Good practical advice for caring for people with Challenging Behaviours

Excellent book for those preparing for taking care of a member of your family or to prepare yourself to be taken care of. I often refer back to the resource guide included.

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Caring For People With Challenging Behaviors: Essential Skills And Successful Strategies In Long-Term Care by psychotherapist and consultant Stephen Weber Long (Adjunct Professor, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York) addresses the problems and issues involved with long-term care residents who display moderate to severe behavior problems arising from conditions of mental illness, dementia, problematic personalities, dysfunctional behavior patterns, and situational distress. Especially recommended reading for residential care facilities staff members, Caring For People With Challenging Behaviors shows how to set and execute achievable goals in treatment planning; avoid common intervention mistakes; overcome obstacles to effective interventions; encourage residents' autonomy; promote teamwork and improve interpersonal relationships; as well as practice diverse stress management techniques. Intended and primarily recommended for professionals and para-professionals working with residents, Caring For People With Challenging Behaviors is also very useful and informative reading for concerned family members.

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