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History of Sage-ing Guild

The Sage-ing Guild was organized at the October 2004 Colorado Retreat to coordinate efforts in continuing the eldering work of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. Our purpose is to be of service to Sage-ing Leaders. Our mission statement, "...to empower a community of Sage-ing Leaders whose culture reflects the values of care, respect and responsibility among the elders in our world," is one we take very seriously. Although efforts were made to keep the Spiritual Eldering Institute (SEI) alive, the Institute's financial difficulty could not be reversed. SEI closed in November 2005. Although the Guild serves a different and separate purpose from SEI, all of us received our training and inspiration from SEI and its leaders. We are focused upon bringing to all of you an organization dedicated to right relationship, financial stewardship and communication. And we are convinced:

- that Sage-ing Programs are necessary to change the paradigm of aging in the culture, and
- that our Sage-ing Leaders are agents of the Vision/Mission of the Guild.



Sage-ing® Guild



Sage-ing Leader Certification Program

*Changing the paradigm
from Aging to Sage-ing*

*The Sage-ing Guild's mission is to
change the paradigm of Aging by
building a community of leaders to
transmit the wisdom of Sage-ing.*

Sage-ing Leader Certification Program

The Sage-ing Leaders Certification Program is structured to provide content and experience relevant to leading older adult groups in personal and spiritual development workshops. Interns attend a beginning weekend of training, complete 15 hours of leading community workshops and classes while working with a CSL mentor and attend a final certification weekend.

As in the training of all healing practitioners, we must first apply “the practical work of translating theory into practice in the laboratory of our own life.” The Sage-ing Guild faculty has concluded that the introspective inner work and the presentation skills required in the training program take about a year from the training weekend to complete.

“... by recognizing our inherent potential, by desiring the fullest expression of our unique gifts, and by empowering us to act through an infusion of loving wisdom-

we receive a spark, comparable to a spiritual battery jump, that enables us to embrace our destiny and move courageously into the future”

Reb Zalman

Application to Sage-ing Leadership Certification Program

PREREQUISITES

- Read “*From Age-ing to Sage-ing* “ by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi with Ron Miller
- Attend an Intensive Sage-ing Guild Workshop of at least two days in length
- Fill out initial CSL Training application and submit to the Training Committee
- Complete specified exercises in the Sage-ing Workbook

TOOLS PROVIDED FOR TRAINING

- *Curriculum Resource Guide*
 - Sample flyer for programs
 - Mentor Guidance
 - One-year membership in the Guild after Certification
 - Sage-ing class participant handouts
- “The diminishment of old age school us in the art of humility and self-acceptance... Because we cannot rely on our former attainments and our physical strength, we must search more deeply within ourselves for a fund of inner strength and wisdom.”*

Ann E. Chester, IHM

General Process

- Be accepted by the Training Committee
- Complete biographical data and references
- Complete phone interview
- Pay tuition
- Attend initial two day training session
- Be assigned a mentor
- Lead 15 hours of workshops/classes
- Complete intern/mentor conversations covering at least five of the teaching hours and as needed
- Pass final evaluation by mentor and training coordinator
- Attend certification weekend and ceremony

Who would benefit from this training

- ~Adult Educators
- ~Clergy and Lay Leaders
- ~Social Service Professionals
- ~Health Care Professionals
- ~Senior Center Directors & Staff
- ~Residential Community Leaders
- ~Anyone who wishes to share their Sage-ing vision in their own community