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Dr. Ronch is a nationally renowned expert on improving the treatment and mental well-being of elders. Prior to coming to the Erickson School, Dr. Ronch was Vice President of Resident Life, Mental Health and Wellness for Erickson Retirement Communities, where he was responsible for developing person-centered, strengths-based approaches to best serve the mental wellness needs of Erickson's over 20,000 residents on 18 campuses. He has been on the faculties of Vassar College, the University of Miami and Dutchess Community College. Dr. Ronch was previously the Executive

Director of the Brookedale Center on Aging of Hunter College, City University of New York.

His numerous publications include the critically acclaimed **Alzheimer's Disease: A Practical Guide for Families and Other Helpers** and **The Counseling Sourcebook: A Practical Reference on Contemporary Issues** (winner of the 1995 Catholic Press Association of the United States Book Award). He is co-editor of **Mental Wellness in Aging: Strength Based Approaches** (winner of the 2004 Mature Media Award), *Culture Change in Long-Term Care* – the first text published about culture change in aging services, **Culture change in elder care** (2013), and **Models and pathways to person-centered elder care** (2013). His numerous journal articles and professional presentations include contributions in organizational culture and person-centered care, psychotherapy and counseling with the aged, care of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, caregiver education, and other service delivery issues in elder care.

Dr. Ronch will be a speaker at The 6th Annual Memory Care Summit. His session is titled Close Your Eyes and See the Future: Three Roadblocks to Imaginative Leadership. To learn more about the Memory Care Summit, visit: <https://erickson.umbc.edu/mcs/>