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## MCS SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



### Kathryn Hyer, Ph.D., MPP

Dr. Hyer is a Professor and Director of the Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging in the School of Aging Studies, the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences at the University of South Florida. Her research focuses on ways to improve care of older adults and she has published widely on disaster preparedness and nursing homes, nursing home quality, hospice care, and state Medicaid policy. She has held national leadership roles for many organizations and been on numerous federal, state, and local Boards. She is currently serving as President- Elect of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA). For 15 years, she has worked with Florida's State Department of Elder Affairs to review required dementia curriculum for nursing homes, assisted living, home health, hospice and adult day care providers. She serves on the Gold Seal Panel,

Governor's Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care. After Hurricane Irma, Dr Hyer testified before the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging hearing, "Disaster Preparedness and Response: The Special Needs of Older Americans" and the Florida House of Representative's Florida House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness.

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*Dr. Hyer's discussion at the 7th Annual Memory Care Summit is titled "All Emergencies Are Local" To view a description of **the** session, visit: <https://erickson.umbc.edu/mcs/>*