

SUPPORT DEMENTIA CARE

What Maryland Officials Can Do

FUND THE LONG TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS

Maryland must continue its efforts to support dementia care.

- By 2025, the number of Marylanders aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's dementia is projected to increase by 18%.
- With recent advancements in treatments and new research on risk reduction, it is important to fund dementia care services that provide Marylanders with the most up-to-date resources and support.

The Alzheimer's Association supports the FY25 budget appropriation of \$2.4 million to implement the Long Term Care and Dementia Care Navigation Programs (HB 614/SB 228, 2023). These funds will support referrals to services, cognitive screenings, support for caregivers and more.

AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE **2X** MORE LIKELY



and Hispanics are **1.5X** MORE LIKELY

THAN WHITES TO HAVE A DEMENTIA DIAGNOSIS



1 in 8 Marylanders aged 65 and older (12.9%) are estimated to have Alzheimer's or dementia, ranking first place for the nation's highest projected dementia prevalence for this age group.

DEMENTIA CARE READINESS

In the year ahead, as support services expand, the Alzheimer's Association will also be working with state agencies and community stakeholders to gather current data on the state's readiness to prepare for the growing population of people living with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

- Existing and new data will be vital to understand trends, improve available programs and services and better support diverse communities.
- The Association is calling on policymakers to support the gathering and evaluation of data that will inform future policy recommendations.