Integrating Sustainability into Implementation of the HBI Road Map

The Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) is working to integrate sustainability into its implementation. This involves considering how to incorporate sustainability principles and practices into the implementation of the HBI Road Map, which focuses on improving brain health and reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. To support this effort, the HBI is providing resources and guidance to help state and local public health agencies integrate sustainability into their work.

Spotlight on Success: The Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map in Action

The HBI is highlighting success stories as part of its Road Map in Action initiative. This initiative showcases communities that are implementing the HBI Road Map and achieving positive outcomes. By sharing these success stories, the HBI aims to inspire and support other communities in their efforts to improve brain health and reduce the risk of dementia.

Other Highlights from the 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures

- Rising Costs: Alzheimer's disease is an expensive condition. In 2024, the estimated costs for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in the United States are projected to be $231 billion, a 19% increase from 2021. It is estimated that by 2025, there will be an additional 1.5 million people living with Alzheimer's disease.
- Workforce for Alzheimer's Disease Care: Between 2021 and 2040, 1.7 million additional direct care workers will be needed to meet care demands. Fifty-five percent of primary care physicians caring for people living with Alzheimer's disease also report difficulty in finding specialists.
- Alzheimer's is a major killer: There were 1.8 million deaths from Alzheimer's disease in the United States in 2021, a 16% increase from 2020. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, with a doubling expected between 2020 and 2050.
- Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are on the rise: Between 2000 and 2021, the number of deaths from Alzheimer's disease in the United States has increased by 146%, while the number of deaths from other dementias has doubled.
- Alzheimer's disease is more common among women: Alzheimer's disease affects men and women, but women are more likely to develop the disease. In 2021, women were 2.9 times more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than men.
- Alzheimer's disease is not limited to the elderly: While Alzheimer's disease is most common in older adults, it can affect people of all ages. In 2021, 6.2 million people aged 65 and older had Alzheimer's disease, but some people younger than 65 also developed the disease.

Recent Content

- A new video — a Better Future for Dementia Care — showcases seven communities implementing the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map in Action. The video highlights how these communities are making an impact in reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
- The Alzheimer's Association is accepting Input Requested: World Alzheimer Report Survey to learn more about dementia caregivers' experiences. The survey focuses on understanding the challenges faced by dementia caregivers and how they navigate the health care system.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, visit alz.org/2024AlzFacts.