PROMOTING ECONOMIC STABILITY

and equity at the individual and community levels can enhance well-being and may also be protective against dementia.

At the individual level, evidence shows that PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY MAY HAVE AN INCREASED RISK OF DEVELOPING DEMENTIA compared with those with higher levels of wealth.

LIVING IN DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED NEIGHBORHOODS may also affect brain health. Populations living in neighborhoods that are economically underserved have accelerated cognitive decline and may have increased chances of developing Alzheimer’s and dementia.

COMMUNITIES HAVE ADVANCED ECONOMIC STABILITY THROUGH SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

• Supporting provider payment reform to improve affordable health care access in communities that are economically underserved.
• Creating summer job opportunities for youth and other workforce training programs.
• Promoting financial literacy and education programs in the community.
• Establishing financial incentives to create small businesses in areas that are economically underserved.