

Creating a Strong, Supportive Future for Individuals and Families Facing Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's is a progressive and fatal disease that affects a person's memory, thinking and behavior. It is destroying our families, our finances and our future.



Dementia Action Collaborative

- The Dementia Action Collaborative (DAC) is made up of people with dementia, family caregivers and experts in health and long-term care.
- The DAC meets regularly to develop programs and resources to serve the growing number of Washingtonians living with dementia.

Washington State Plan

The DAC launched a training platform to educate providers about dementia diagnosis, developed the [Dementia Road Map](#), a guide for families navigating the dementia journey, and published the [Dementia Legal Planning Toolkit](#) to help people make financial and legal arrangements.



Reauthorize the DAC with HB 1646

- Re-establishes the DAC in statute
- Updates the Alzheimer's State Plan and builds on the work of the last state plan
- Formalizes the appointment process to ensure impacted individuals and families are included
- Requires regular progress reports to the legislature

Alzheimer's and Dementia KEY FACTS



Alzheimer's Prevalence

One in nine people age 65 and over has Alzheimer's dementia, and nearly two-thirds of those are women.



Impacts Are Growing

120,000 Washingtonians have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to 270,000 by 2040.



Caregivers Are Critical

295,000 family caregivers, most often women, provide more than 400 million hours of unpaid care to loved ones with dementia in Washington alone.



Unpaid Caregiving Impacts Our Workforce

- 10% of unpaid caregivers leave the workforce to care for family.
- 57% of caregivers report arriving to work late or leaving early to provide care.



Time Is Precious

On average, a person lives with Alzheimer's for 4 to 8 years after diagnosis.

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