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CDC Awards BOLD Centers of Excellence and Public Health Program Grants

Earlier this month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced award recipients for the [Building Our Largest Dementia \(BOLD\) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act](#) grants. These awards will fund BOLD [Public Health Centers of Excellence](#) and [Public Health Program](#) grants to state, local, and tribal public health agencies. The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act is aimed at building, sustaining, and growing public health capacity to address Alzheimer's, dementia, cognitive health, and dementia caregiving across the country. BOLD activities align with recommended actions in the Healthy Brain Initiative's [State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map](#) and the [Road Map for Indian Country](#).

The **BOLD Public Health Centers of Excellence** will each focus on one dementia-specific topic — dementia risk reduction, early detection of dementia, or dementia caregiving — to identify, translate and disseminate promising research findings and evidence-informed best practices, including those that address [social determinants of health](#). Centers of Excellence will work nationwide with CDC, national partners, and public health entities throughout the country to ensure maximum impact and reach. The BOLD Public Health Centers of Excellence recipients are:

- Alzheimer's Association — dementia risk reduction
- New York University School of Medicine — early detection of dementia
- University of Minnesota — dementia caregiving

The **BOLD Public Health Program** grants are awarded to state, local, and tribal public health entities. The funding will promote a strong public health approach to Alzheimer's and all dementias and focus on implementing HBI Road Map and Road Map for Indian County actions that promote risk reduction, early diagnosis, management of comorbidities, and reducing avoidable hospitalizations. BOLD Program grant recipients are:

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Georgia Department of Public Health
- Hawaii State Department of Health
- Iowa Department of Public Health
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- Maine Department of Health and Human Services
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Mississippi State Department of Health
- Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
- Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
- Oklahoma State Department of Health
- Rhode Island Department of Health
- Vermont Department of Health
- Virginia Department of Health
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services

The Alzheimer's Association is pleased to be named one of the BOLD Centers of Excellence and to help lead the nation in developing and disseminating public health strategies, resources, and guidance that aim to reduce the risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Of the award, Harry Johns, Alzheimer's Association president and CEO, said, "Reducing the risk of cognitive decline and dementia is core to our mission. We're excited to work with leaders in public health and dementia research to develop needed strategies and resources that can help citizens across the country reduce their risk of cognitive decline." The Association's work will also focus on addressing and improving risk reduction for communities disproportionately affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia as well as building capacity among public health agencies, particularly at the local level. Read the [Alzheimer's Association press release on the CDC's announcement](#).

Learn more about the [BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act](#) (P.L. 115-406).

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