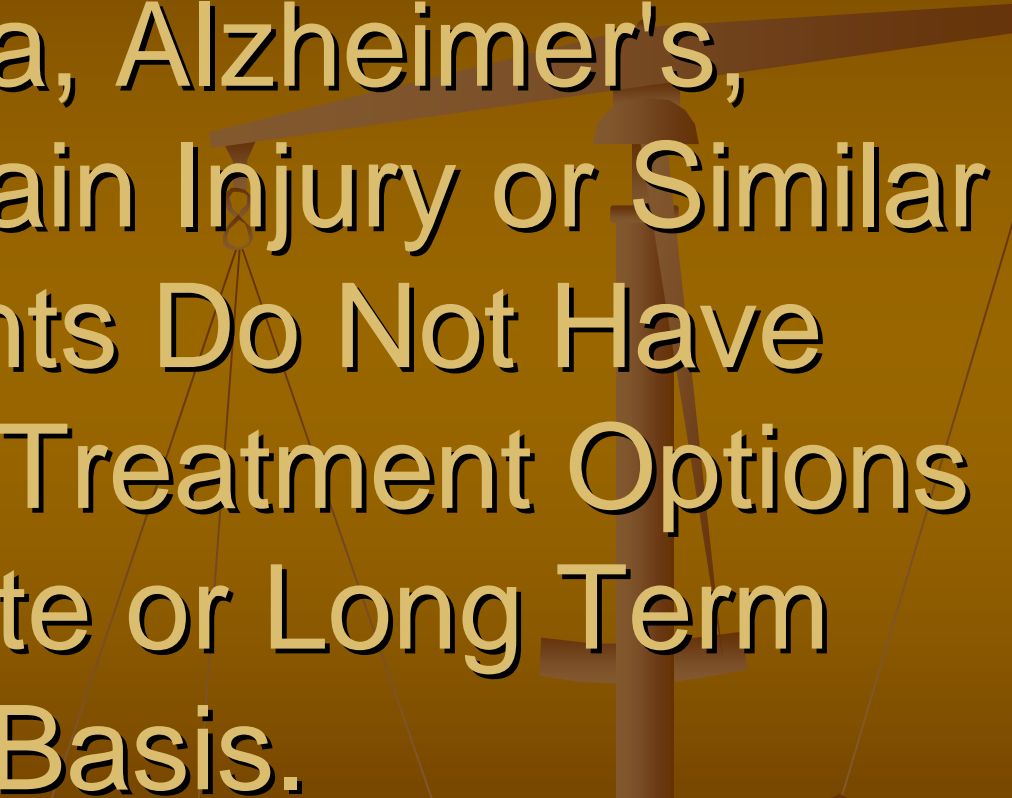


# Building Options for Adults Placed Out of State With Behavioral Challenges Associated Alzheimer's, Dementia or Similar Disabilities

Judge Frances Doherty  
Second Judicial District Court  
Washoe County  
January 23, 2008

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Senior Citizens and Veterans A.C.R. 35)  
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Many Persons Suffering From  
Dementia, Alzheimer's,  
Traumatic Brain Injury or Similar  
Impairments Do Not Have  
Viable Local Treatment Options  
on an Acute or Long Term  
Basis.



# # Of Adult Out of State Medicaid Placements in January 2008

**79**



# # Of Adult Out of State Medicaid Placements in May 2004



80

# # Of Adults in Current Out of State Medicaid Placements Over the Age of 60

**48**



# # Of Adults in Out of State Placements With Non-family Decision Makers

**22**

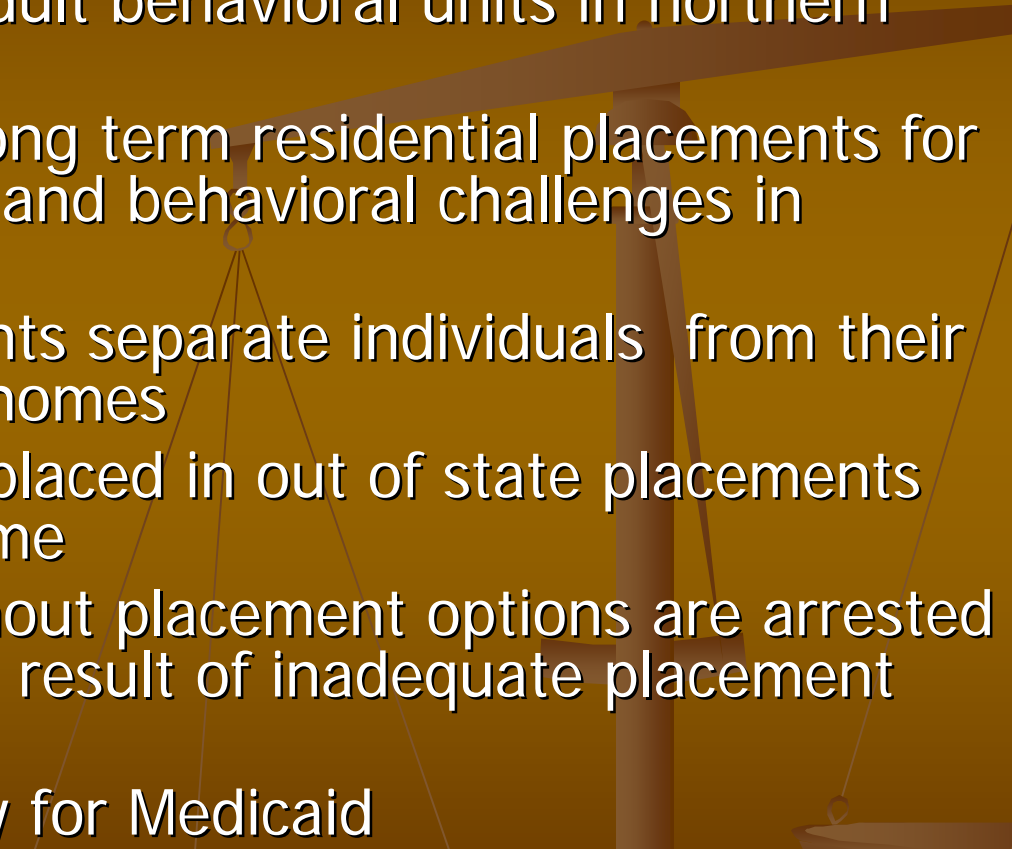


# Of Private Pay Placements Out of State or Out of Northern Nevada:

**UNKNOWN**



# Known Challenges:

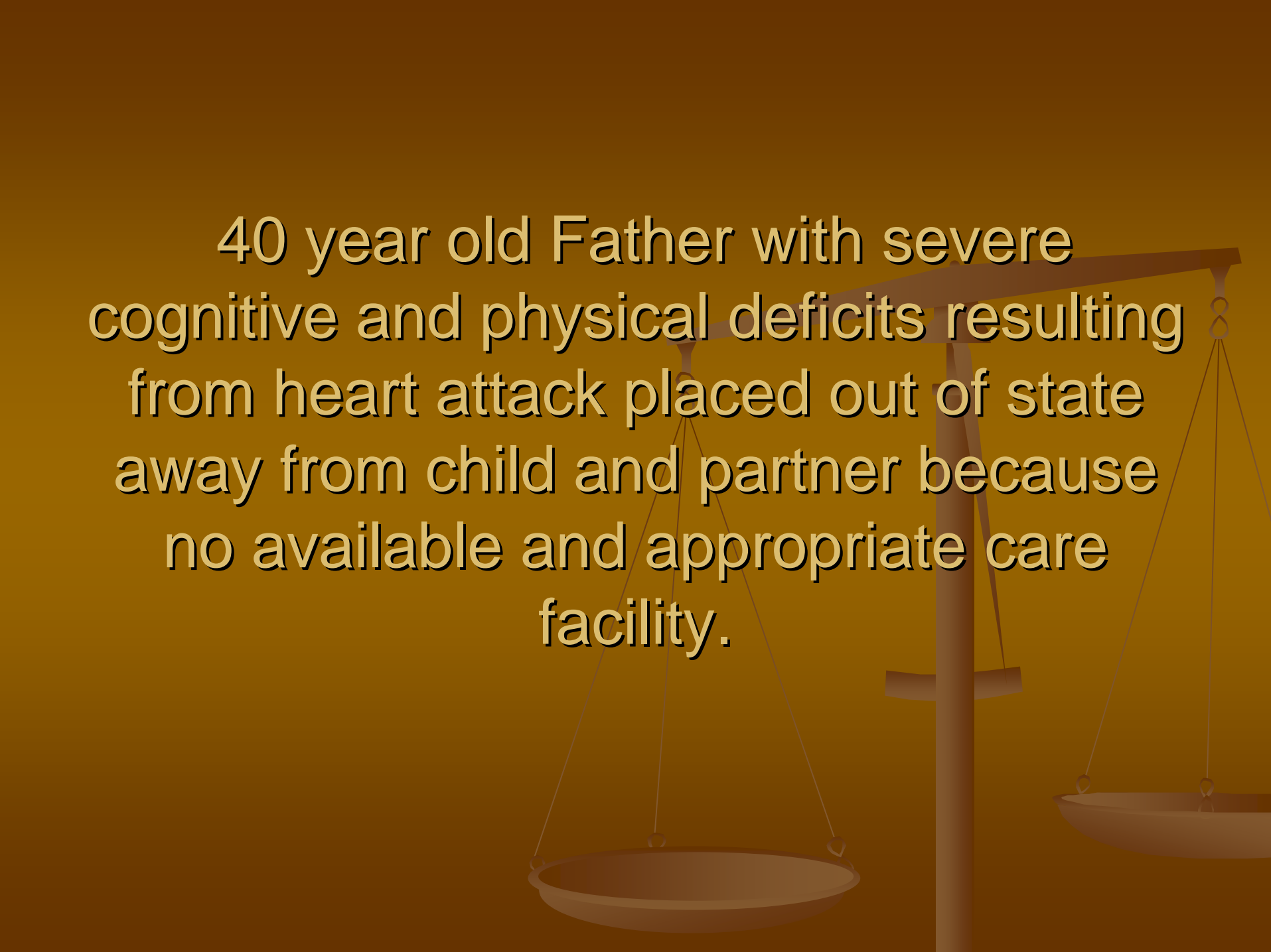
- There are no acute adult behavioral units in northern Nevada
  - There are no viable long term residential placements for adults with dementia and behavioral challenges in northern Nevada
  - Out of state placements separate individuals from their families and Nevada homes
  - Repeatedly, persons placed in out of state placements stabilize w/in short time
  - Some individuals without placement options are arrested and incarcerated as a result of inadequate placement options
  - Jail prevents eligibility for Medicaid
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# Human Faces Behind the Numbers

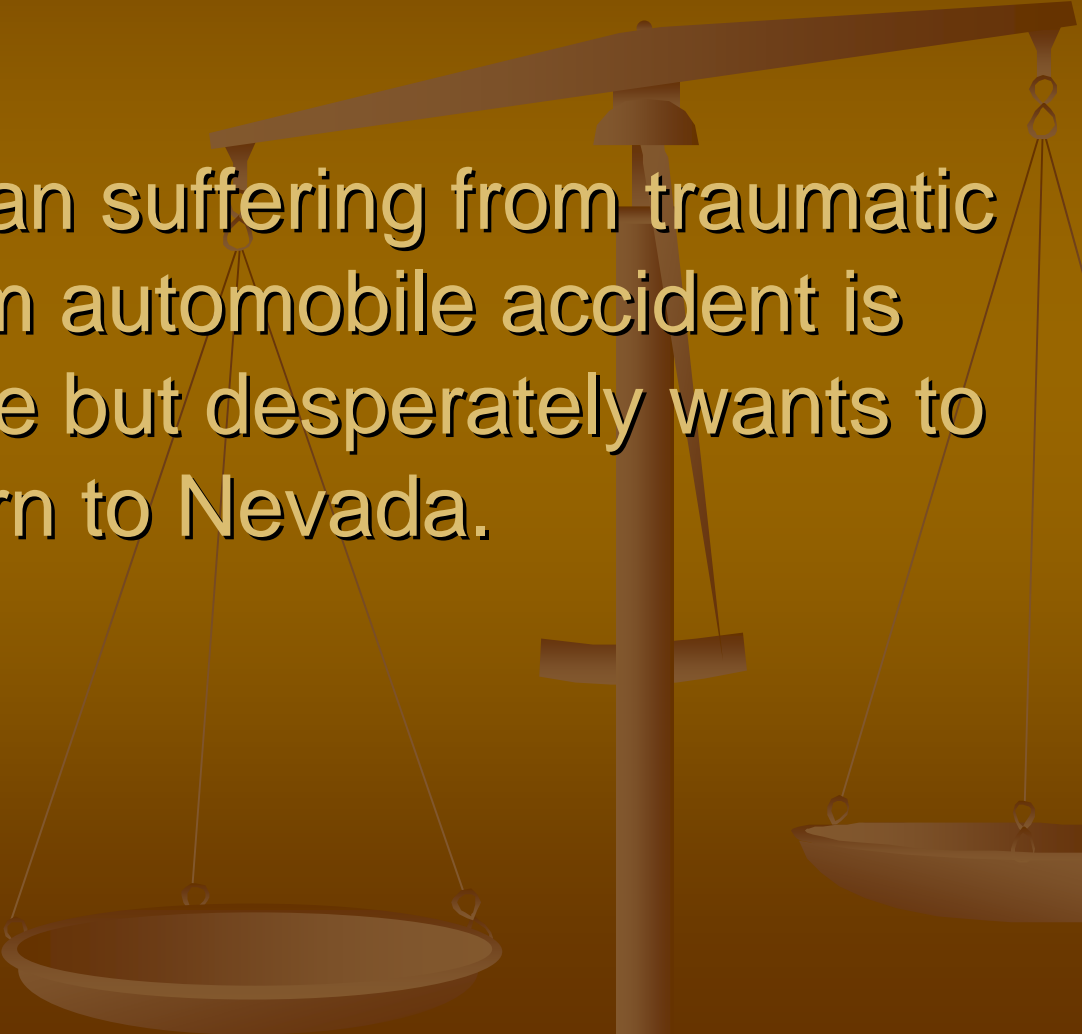


Commonality: Require initially,  
behavior management

\*These descriptions are composites drawing from many individuals in order to protect confidentiality

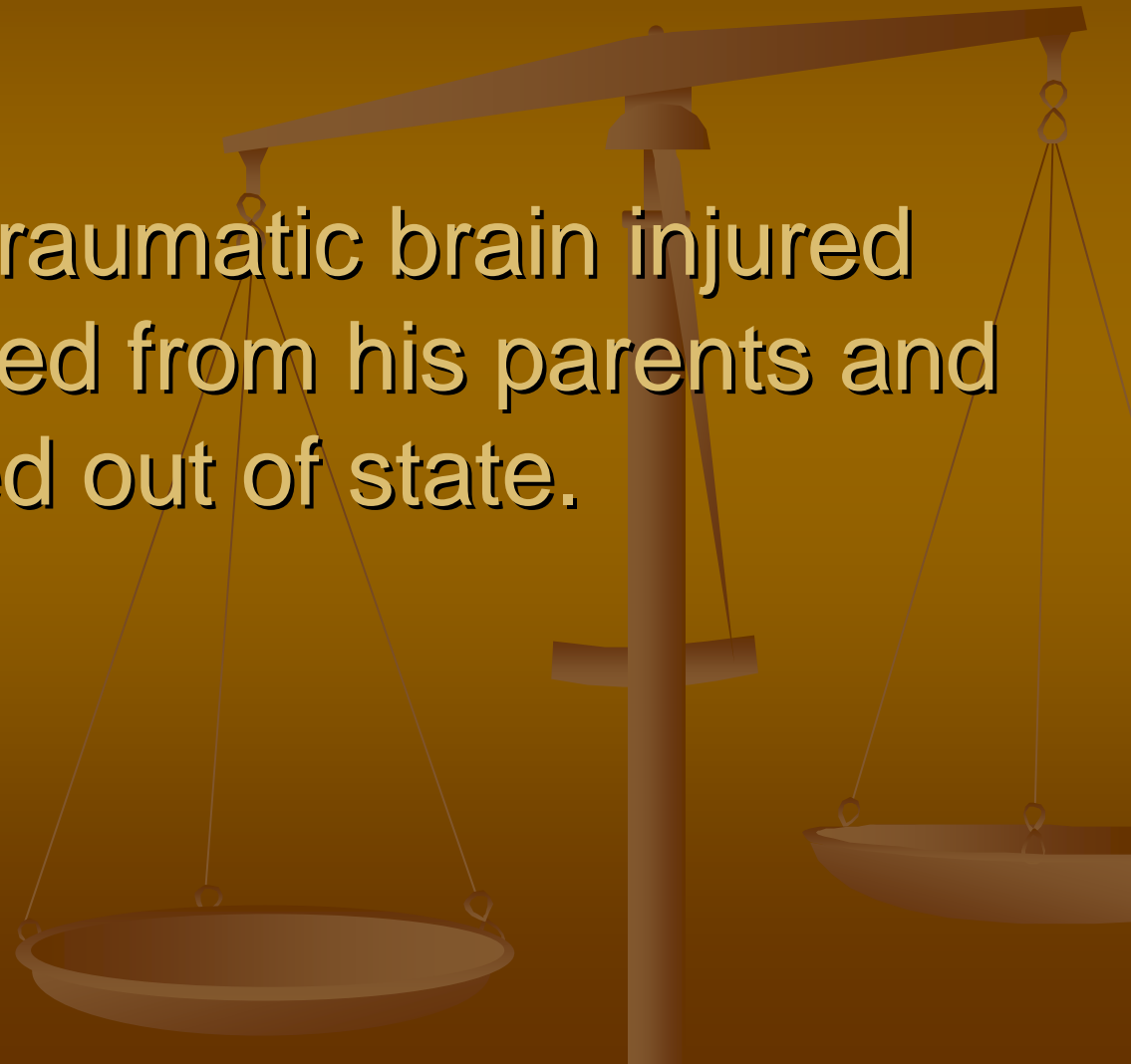


40 year old Father with severe cognitive and physical deficits resulting from heart attack placed out of state away from child and partner because no available and appropriate care facility.

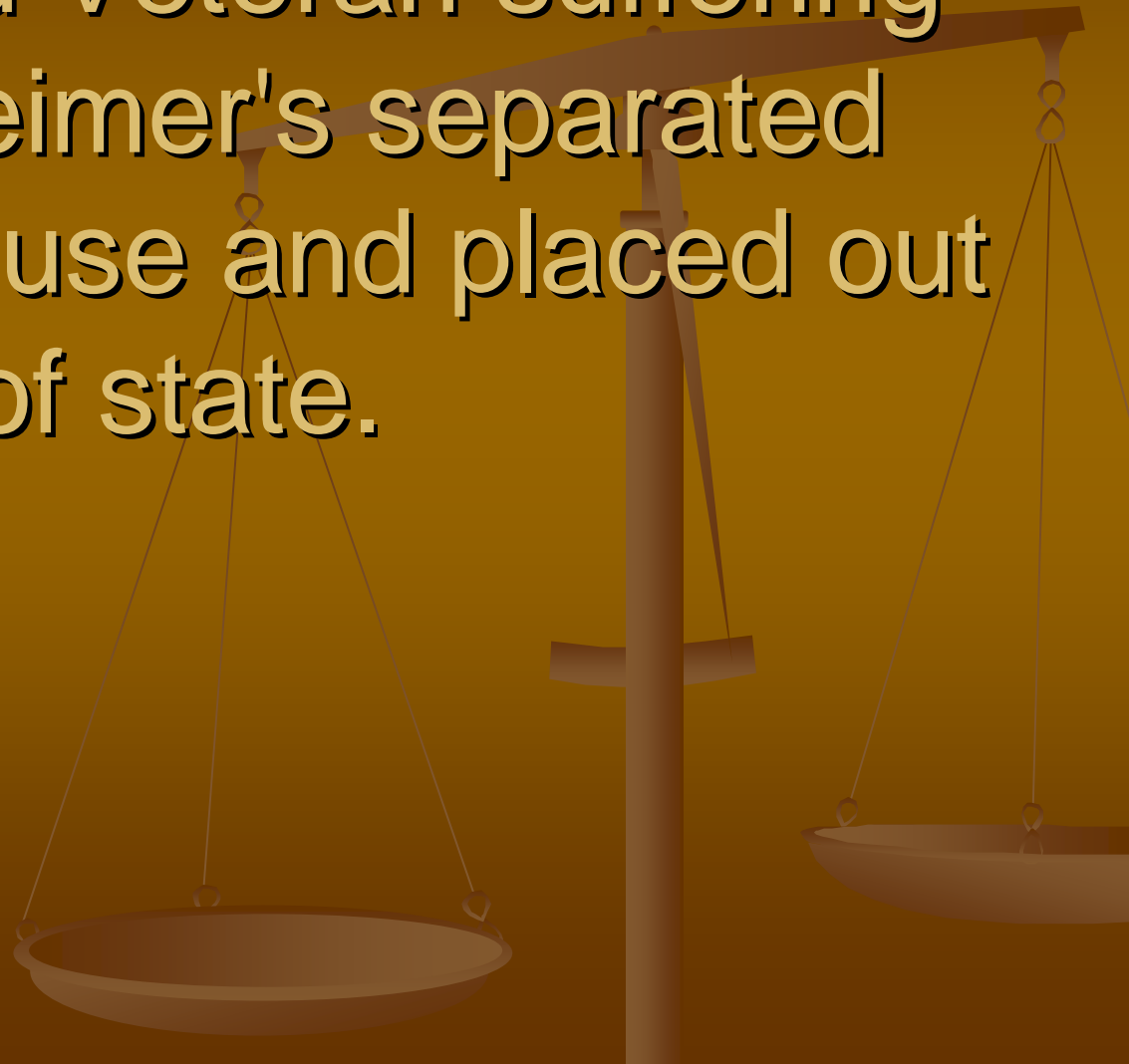


65 year old woman suffering from traumatic brain injury from automobile accident is placed out of state but desperately wants to return to Nevada.

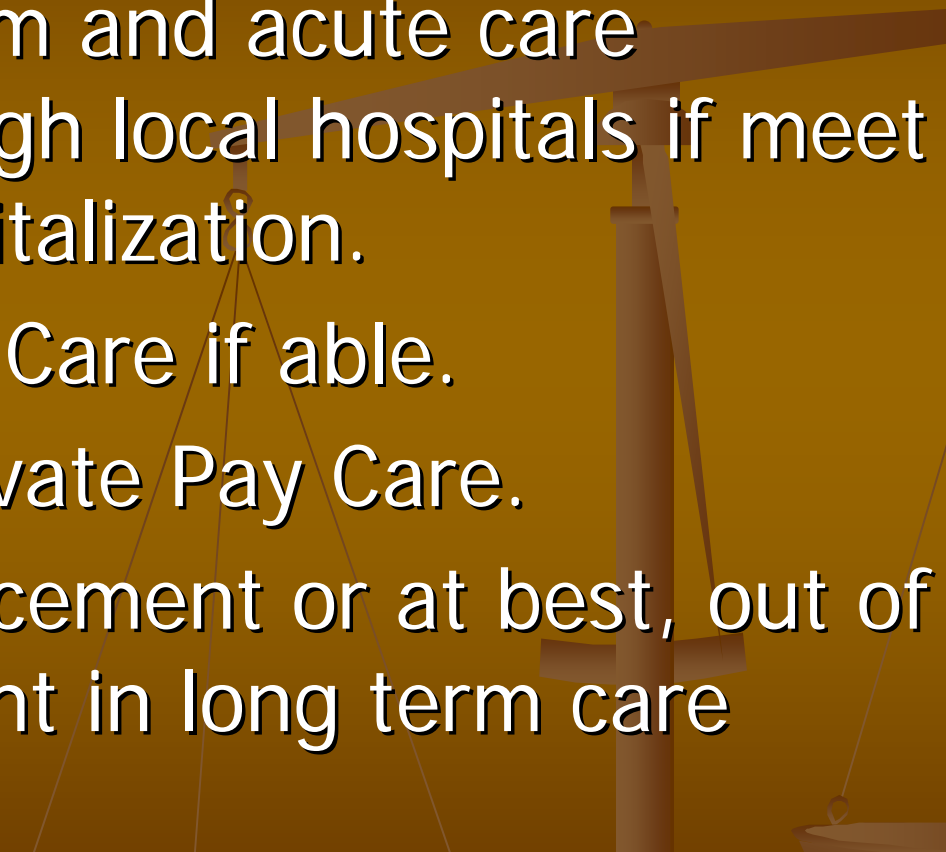
18 year old traumatic brain injured child is separated from his parents and placed out of state.



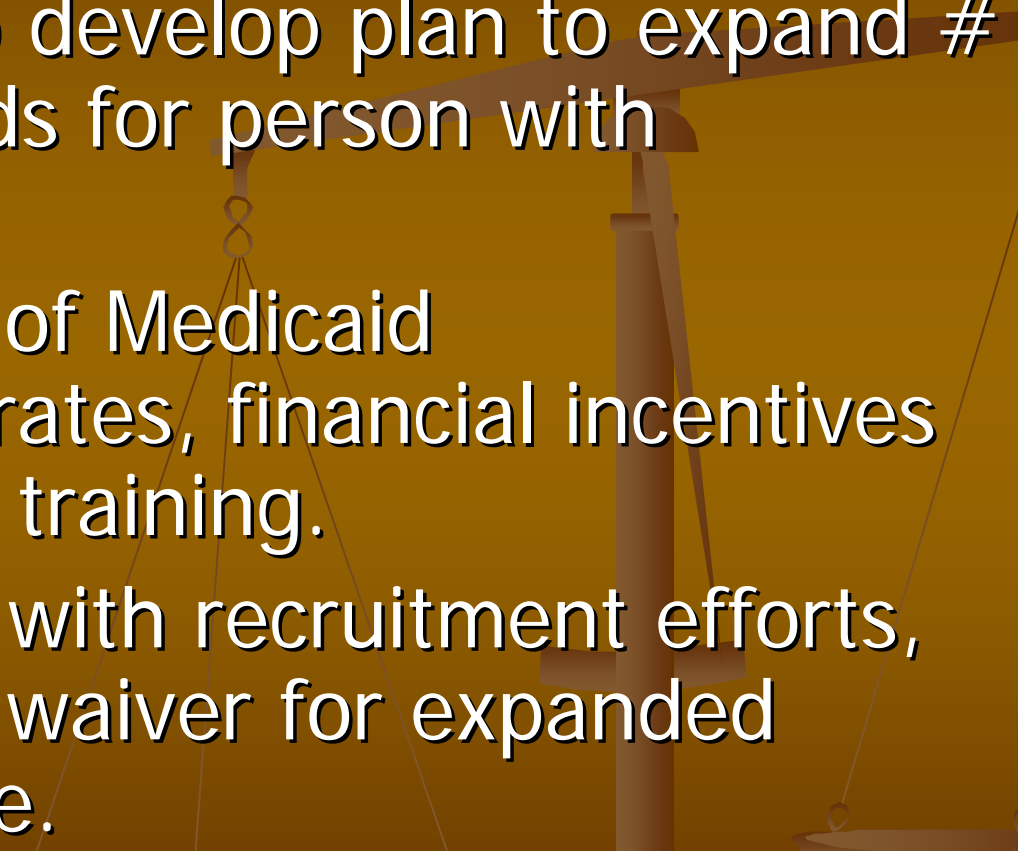
65 year old Veteran suffering  
from Alzheimer's separated  
from his spouse and placed out  
of state.



# Existing Continuum of Care

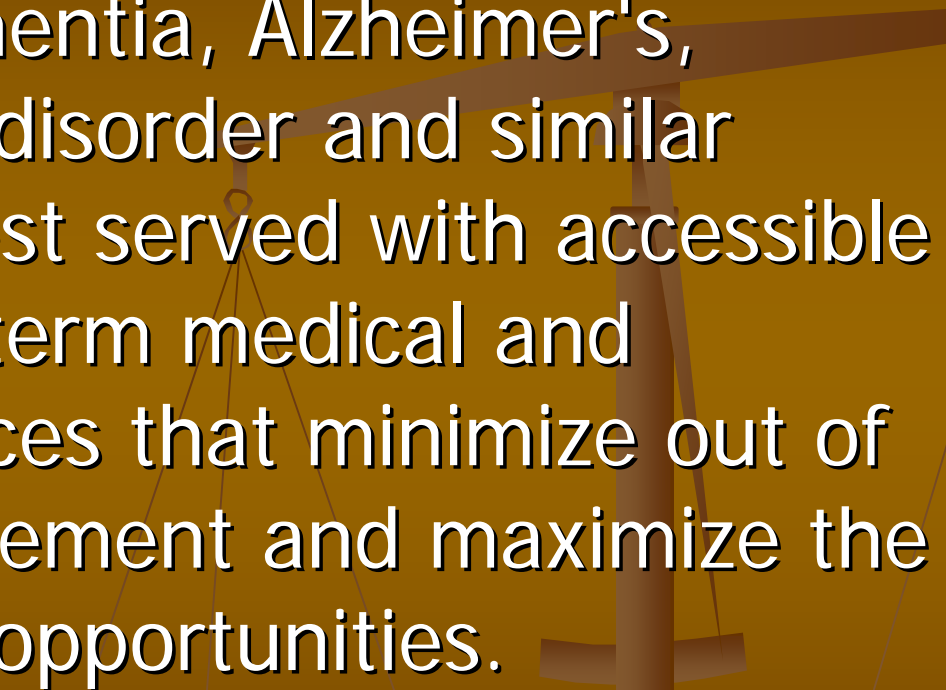
- Emergency Room and acute care treatment through local hospitals if meet criteria for hospitalization.
  - Family In home Care if able.
  - Possibility of Private Pay Care.
  - Out of State Placement or at best, out of county placement in long term care facility.
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# AB 323 – 2004 Legislature

- Directed DHR to develop plan to expand # of long term beds for person with dementia
  - Directed review of Medicaid reimbursement rates, financial incentives for facilities and training.
  - DHR responded with recruitment efforts, rate review and waiver for expanded group home care.
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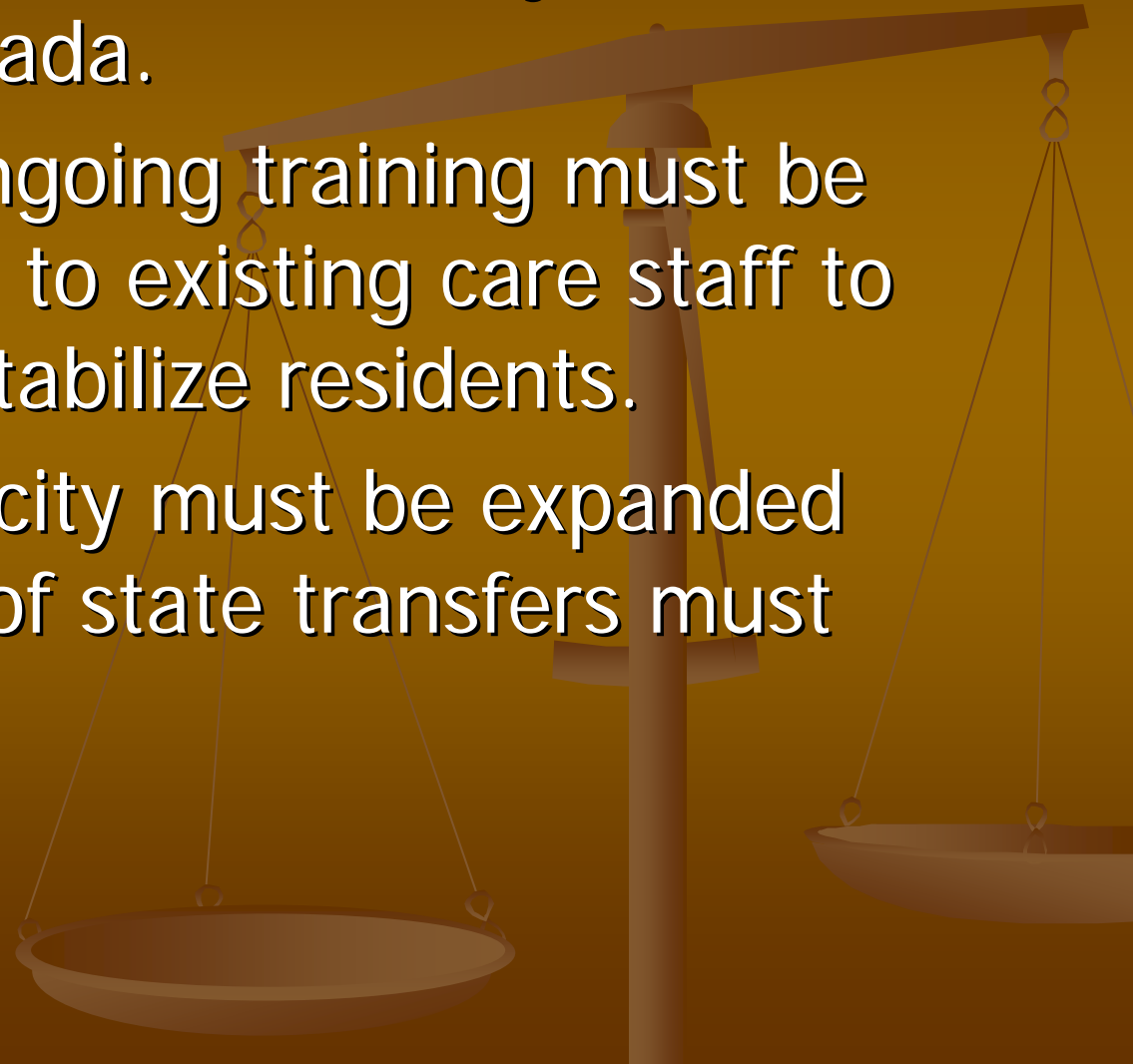
# The Ideal System of Care

Adults with dementia, Alzheimer's, traumatic brain disorder and similar disorders are best served with accessible acute and long term medical and residential services that minimize out of home/state placement and maximize the least restrictive opportunities.



# Future Directions

- Access to an acute care facility must exist in northern Nevada.
- Effective and ongoing training must be widely available to existing care staff to transition and stabilize residents.
- Bed space capacity must be expanded locally and out of state transfers must stop.



# Future Directions

- Alternative housing in the least restrictive environments must be expanded to include more group home and in home living options.
  - Creative solutions such as community response teams should be developed to assist individuals with transitioning into a stable home within our state.
  - Industry incentives and remediation of potential misperceptions of licensing challenges must be addressed.
  - Statutory leadership in developing areas of residents' rights to access treatment and living opportunities is needed.
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