

Presentation to the Legislative Committee on Seniors, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs

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About Alzheimer's Association

ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION®

Vision

A world without
Alzheimer's and all
other dementia®.

Mission

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Our Impact



Care and Support

We work on a national and local level to provide care and support for all those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementias.



Research

As the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is committed to advancing vital research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure.



Advocacy

The Association is the leading voice for Alzheimer's disease advocacy, fighting for critical Alzheimer's research and care initiatives at the state and federal level.

Local Services

Las Vegas Office
7220 S Cimarron Rd
#210,
Las Vegas, NV 89113

Reno Office
639 Isbell Rd # 240,
Reno, NV 89509

Local Services

- Caregiver Support Groups
- Training and Education Classes
 - Caregivers
 - Providers
 - First Responders
- Yearly Respite Grant of \$1,000

10 Healthy Habits for Your Brain

1. Challenge your mind.
2. Stay in school.
3. Get moving.
4. Protect your head.
5. Be smoke-free.
6. Control your blood pressure.
7. Manage diabetes.
8. Eat right.
9. Maintain a healthy weight.
10. Sleep well.

National Facts and Figures

National Prevalence



More than
6.9 million
Seniors are
living with
Alzheimer's ¹

Gender and Racial Differences in Alzheimer's Prevalence

- Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.
- Older Blacks/African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos are disproportionately more likely than older non-Hispanic whites to have Alzheimer's or other dementias.
- Population-based studies for other racial/ethnic groups are needed.



Caregiving

More than 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for a family member or friend with dementia, a contribution to the nation valued at nearly \$350 billion.

Workforce

More than 1 million additional direct care workers will be needed between 2021 and 2031 - more new workers than in any other single occupation in the United States.



Nevada Facts and Figures

Nevada Prevalence

More than
54,900 Nevada
Seniors are
living with
Alzheimer's



10.6% of Nevadans
over 65

Nevada Caregivers

Over **84,000 Nevada** caregivers provide 142,000,000 hours of unpaid care totaling in \$2.3 billion.

Federal Priorities

Federal Policy Asks

BOLD Reauthorization Act (S. 3775/H.R. 7218)

- Senator Catherine Cortez Masto is one of the lead sponsors
- Initial BOLD Act passed in 2018, and provided the following through 2024.
- Funded three Alzheimer's Public Health Centers of Excellence to expand and promote innovative and effective Alzheimer's interventions
- Provided 66 awards to 45 state, local, and tribal public health departments to implement interventions, including those in the Public Health Road Map. (\$20 million total annually)
- Nevada was one of the initial recipients and continued into the second round
- The Reauthorization would extend the law to 2029
- Additionally, it would provide \$33 million to the CDC

Federal Policy Asks

NAPA Reauthorization Act (S. 133 / H.R. 619)

- Required the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to create a national strategic plan to address the Alzheimer's crisis and to update it annually. The first National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease was released in 2012.
- NAPA is set to expire in 2025. The NAPA Reauthorization Act will continue the work of the National Plan through 2035.

Goals of NAPA

- Prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025
- Enhance care quality and efficiency
- Expand supports for people with Alzheimer's disease and their families
- Enhance public awareness and engagement
- Improve data to track progress
- Accelerate action to promote healthy aging and reduce risk factors for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias

State Policy Priorities

2023 Legislative Recap

AB208 - Created a new Structured Family Caregiver Medicaid Voucher for Dementia - Passed

SB297 - Sets up the Nevada Memory Network - Failed

AB167 - Dementia Care Specialist - Failed

SB390 - Created the Nevada Neurological Disease State Registry - Passed

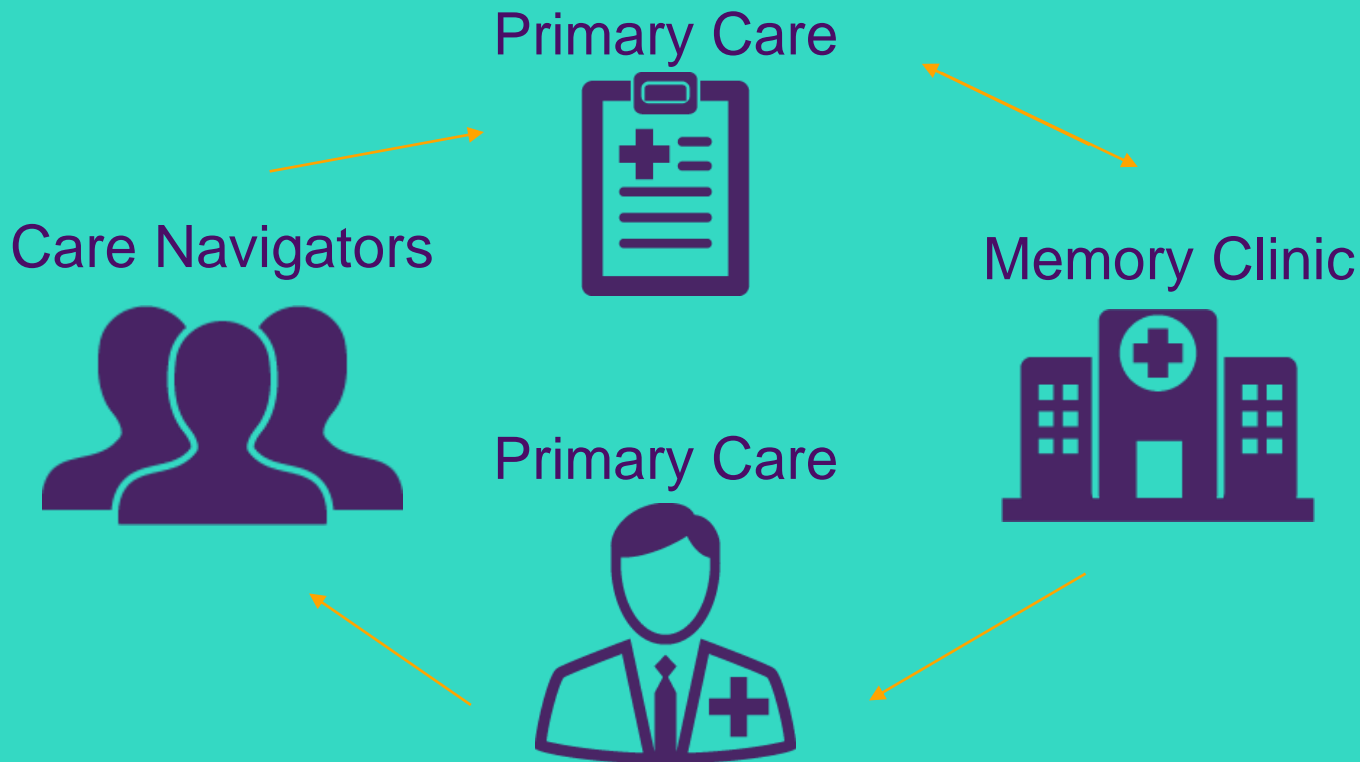
National Statewide Policy Priorities

- Increase Access to Care, Support and Treatment
- Improve Quality of Care
- Advance Risk Reduction, Early Detection and Diagnosis
- Ensure a Coordinated Statewide Response to Alzheimer's

Nevada Memory Network

1. Improve the screening of Nevadans with memory loss with a sustainable Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) model.
2. Establish Memory Assessment Clinics, or hubs, in Northern and Southern Nevada that can accurately diagnose Alzheimer's and related dementias, and improve care.
3. Improve patient health outcomes through an early and accurate diagnosis, and support the needs of care partners.
4. Reduce the overall cost of care associated with a dementia diagnosis.
5. Support the oversight and evaluation of project performance and direct data collection for research.

Nevada Memory Net System of Care



Dementia Training

- Court Appointed Guardians
- First Responders

Currently, dementia training is only required for providers and medical facilities.

Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's

Was initially passed in 2013 to create the Nevada Plan to Address Alzheimer's and Dementia

Plan is published every biennium with Legislative and Administrative Recommendations

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