



Alzheimer's Disease Initiative Specialized Supportive Services (ADISSS) Dementia Capable Wisconsin-Creating New Partnerships in Dementia Care*

OVERVIEW

Every 65 Seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease. Today, there are an estimated 115,000 Wisconsin residents living with Alzheimer's disease and 22% live alone. State-of-the-art programs and supportive services are vital to addressing the complicated needs of persons with dementia and their caregivers.

The Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute (WAI) Public Health mission is to focus on developing, researching, and disseminating new community programs to address the complex needs of persons with dementia and their caregivers. In sync with the mission, the WAI received a three-year federal grant from the Administration for Community Living to develop and test innovative person-centered programs to support people with dementia to live in their homes for as long as possible.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- **EMS Visitor Program-** Partnering with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers to implement the EMS Visitor Program, connecting people living alone with dementia to supportive services in their communities.
- **Caregiver Home Health Curriculum-** Working with home-health nursing agencies to train caregivers on how to handle common medical concerns in order to reduce preventable hospitalizations for their loved ones with dementia.
- **NTG-EDSD Tool-** Collaborating with Wisconsin's existing supportive services to improve the screening and referrals for aging individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) who are at risk for Dementia.
- **DICE Approach™-** Facilitating evidence-based training of dementia care professionals to better support family caregivers in managing the behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia.



WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE

- Reduce caregiver stress and burden.
- Improve caregiver ability to care for their loved ones with dementia.
- Use a preventative approach to decrease hospitalizations and emergency room visits of people with dementia.

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