

TFAD Recommendation Groupings

Objective 1: Help direct persons living with dementia to resources.

- Statewide Information and Referral System (#1) – Gini Cunningham
Enables persons affected by dementia to connect with local resources.
- Dementia Care Specialists (DCS) Program (#5) – Jennifer Carson
Serves as the primary local contact for persons living with dementia, caregivers, law enforcement, hospitals, healthcare providers, social workers, and others who engage with individuals living with dementia.
- Developing Community Awareness Around Increased Brain Health Literacy (#14) – Tina Dortch, LeeAnn Mandarino
Promote dementia-friendly community awareness programs to increase understanding of brain health and dementia-related information and resources.

Objective 2: Optimize healthcare for persons living with dementia.

- Telehealth (#2) – Peter Reed
Supports access to healthcare for persons living with dementia.
- Outreach to Primary Care Providers (#4) – Tina Dortch
Encourage PCPs to increase dementia screening and early diagnoses during annual and routine office visits.
- Hospital Transitional Care Practices (#11) – Peter Reed
Ensure high-quality hospital-to-community care transitions programming for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.
- Residential Long-term Care (#6) – Jennifer Carson
Identify and implement recommendations, improvements, and resources within residential long-term care to support the health and well-being of residents.

Objective 3: Formalized protections & rights for persons living with dementia.

- Advanced Care Planning (#16) – Susan Hirsch
Promote the completion of legally documenting an individual's care preferences while the individual is competent to make these vital decisions.
- Driving and Dementia (#13) - Dylan Wint
Improve Nevada's infrastructure, services, and supports to ensure the safety of people whose driving ability may be compromised by cognitive impairment.
- Choice in Care Settings (#17) – Jennifer Carson
Promote inclusive communities for people of all abilities and uphold the rights of people living with dementia to have a say in the decisions that affect their lives including care and choice of care settings.

Objective 4: Structured, competent, and comprehensive dementia education

- Dementia Training (#8) – Jennifer Carson
Expand dementia care requirements for all residential long-term services and support providers, including residential and community-based provider organizations and staff.
- Caregiver Support (#7) – Phil Kalsman

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Interventions to support the health and wellbeing of dementia caregivers by educating them about dementia, effective approaches to caregiving, available resources and respite services, and self-care.

- Cultural Competence (#3) – Tina Dortch

Promote person and relationship-centered education in a non-stigmatizing, customized multicultural approach to increase receptiveness and engagement.

- Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession (#10) – Susan Hirsch

Encourage the availability of education on topics related to dementia for law students via curricula, licensed professionals via CLE, and judges and court personnel via dementia training.

Objective 5: Provide tools community-wide to navigate the dementia journey.

- Volunteers (#9) – Gini Cunningham

Promote collaborations between organizations including non-profits, service organizations, healthcare, faith-based, and universities to recruit and train volunteers in delivering support services and provide infrastructure to support volunteers.

- Organizational Outreach (#15) – Tina Dortch, Susan Hirsch

Engage all sectors of the community including healthcare, faith-based, law enforcement, retail, hospitality, government, LTC and senior communities to inform them about dementia.

- Veterans and their Families (#12) - Jennifer Carson

Promote culturally appropriate services to older veterans by all aging service organizations for veterans living with dementia and their caregivers.

TFAD Members and Recommendation Leaders

1. Representative from an association that provides services to persons with AD – Phil Kalsman
2. Medical representative from an association that provides services to persons living with dementia – Dylan Wint
3. Caregivers for persons with cognitive disorders – Jennifer Carson
4. NSHE with expertise in cognitive disorders – Peter Reed
5. Representative of providers of service for persons with cognitive disorders – LeeAnn Mandarino
6. Representative from a rural area of the state – Ginny Cunningham
7. Representative from the Department of HHS/ADSD – Tina Dortch
8. Member at large – Susan Hirsch
9. Member of the Senate to help propose legislation on behalf of persons living with dementia – Marilyn Dondero Loop
10. Member of Assembly to help propose legislation on behalf of persons living with dementia – Duy Nguyen