

TFAD— 2017 State Plan. New Recommendation: Driving and Dementia
Suggested language from Senator Wiener
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Recommendation # : Standardize the system of driver evaluation and improve the infrastructure, services, and support for persons with dementia, who can no longer drive, and their caregivers.

This includes: implementing a uniform set of criteria for physician involvement and a uniform screening tool for first responders, as well as a standardized evidence-based evaluation tool used by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

This recommendation also supports the dissemination of information, which describes/explains *when* persons with dementia should no longer drive. In addition, this information should describe/explain *how* (including available resources) to address the related and multi-faceted needs and concerns of persons with dementia and those who care for them. Such information should be available on websites, as well as be distributed in printed materials, to: physicians and other health care providers, first responders, families, and caregivers. These efforts should promote age- and dementia-friendly communities, including the expansion of volunteerism and public-private partnerships that provide alternative transportation resources.

Indicators: Evaluate information/feedback from physicians/healthcare providers and first responders regarding effectiveness of uniform screening tools. Monitor the number of accidents/fatalities by age of driver, the number of reports by physicians, and the number of evaluations conducted by the DMV pertaining to individuals with dementia. Assess the distribution of informational materials related to driving and dementia and how this can be expanded and/or improved.

Potential Funding: Federal funding (?). DMV, NV Department of Transportation (NDOT). ADSD grants through such resources as the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS). Other sources of funding, including gifts, grants, and donations.