

Recommendation #14: Driving and Dementia (2017)

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Standardize the system of driver evaluation and improve the infrastructure, services, and support for persons with dementia whose driving ability may be compromised. This includes: implementing a uniform set of evidence-based screening tools for healthcare providers and first responders, as well as a standardized evidence-based evaluation tool for use by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Support the dissemination of information regarding driving safety and dementia. This information should convey how to address the multi-faceted needs and concerns of persons with dementia and those who care for them. Specific information should include signs that an individual's driving ability might be compromised and how to access relevant resources to address this concern. Such information should be available on websites, as well as be distributed in printed materials, to: health care and social service providers, first responders, families, caregivers, and the general public. Promote age- and dementia-friendly communities, which provide alternate transportation resources, e.g. volunteerism and public-private partnerships to maximize an individual's independence and assure public safety.

Indicators

Engage healthcare providers and first responders to evaluate the utility of the recommended screening tools. Monitor the number of accidents and fatalities by age of driver, the number of referrals by healthcare providers and first responders to the DMV, and the number of evaluations conducted by the DMV following referral. Assess the distribution of informational materials related to driving and dementia and how the distribution of information can be expanded and/or improved. Monitor the number and usage of alternative transportation resources.

Potential Funding

Explore options for funding from: Federal funding. DMV. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). ADSD grants. Grants, donations, and/or gifts.