

Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Recommendations Planning Template

Recommendation #9: *adjusted* in bold

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Promote collaboration between various organizations including non-profits, service organizations, healthcare institutions, faith-based organizations and universities, which have existing programs, education, and practices that address Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, to recruit and train volunteers in delivering support programs and services, while providing the necessary infrastructure and support to volunteers to ensure their effectiveness. This commitment to education and outreach needs to include rich and abundant train-the-trainer models that permit and **build capacity** in volunteers to share knowledge, **current, reliable** information about brain health, dependable tools, and up-to-date resources in communities while finding, recruiting, and training local residents to continue to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Increased outreach and personal connections among volunteers and community members destigmatizes and reduces fear and misunderstanding associated with dementia through open-conversation, **on-going** engagement opportunities, and reliable information.

In supporting age- and dementia-friendly communities volunteers will learn how to promote each person's well-being, both the individual living with dementia and their family, as well as preserve personal dignity and respect in everyday community life. **Competent and confident trained volunteers offer capabilities and wisdom in this vital role.**

• Indicators:

Monitor and correspond with non-profits, service organizations, healthcare institutions, and universities that recruit volunteers to learn the number of volunteers recruited and trained, the types of training, presentations, and information sessions offered and the number of volunteers trained, as well as track key services being provided. Determine which additional **up-to-date** trainings and services might be needed to expand volunteer education and opportunities to build capacity and increase outreach **to include health fairs, brain health conferences, and awareness presentations.**

Potential Funding:

Grants, donations and/or gifts, **AARP, and the American Recovery Act**

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