

Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Recommendations

Planning Template

Recommendation #: 8 Dementia Training

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Current Recommendation as Stated: Expand Nevada's dementia care training requirement for all long-term services and supports providers, including residential and community-based provider organizations and staff, to ensure that all direct care staff providing care and support to individuals living with dementia have the information needed to provide effective person-directed and relationship-centered care. Mandate and enforce the identification, adoption and implementation of established, evidence-based and evidence-informed, person- and relationship-centered dementia care training recommendations and training programs, including but not limited to: the Nevada Department of Veterans Services' (NDVS) *Bravo Zulu: Achieving Excellence in Relationship-Centered Dementia Care* program, Alzheimer's Association's *Dementia Care Practice Recommendations*, Dementia Action Alliance/Eden Alternative's *Raising the Bar* practice guide, and others as appropriate.

Such training programs should be made available to all residential long-term care and community-based aging services organizations through leveraging key partners to implement and evaluate in-person and/or online trainings. Evaluation efforts should include assessment of core competencies.

Current Status (I.e. activities/outcomes?)

While numerous education programs for dementia exist, Alzheimer's Association is introducing mandated courses for First Responders for the 2025 legislative session.

In addition, Cleveland Clinic Nevada is introducing courses on identification of and management of behavioral manifestations of dementia for care providers of individuals with IDD progressing into dementia in an agency setting (Desert Regional Center); providing Dementia Training to care providers and students of individuals living with dementia; and providing Teepa Snow Training to professional caregivers of individuals with IDD progressing into dementia.

Determination: Do you propose that for the 2025 State Plan this recommendation be:

- 1) Retained as is
- 2) Retired to the Appendix (it has been accomplished or is no longer relevant)
- 3) Revised / Updated

Justification: *If you propose revising this recommendation, what is your rationale for your suggested changes:* Broadening the audience if caregivers of individuals living with dementia and providing targeted evidence-based, evidence-informed education programs to expand access to appropriate dementia education

Suggested Revisions: Please provide the text for your suggestions on how to revise the recommendation (and

be sure to include each of the following required elements):

Recommendation: This broadens the educational reach of dementia training to civic public welfare professionals (first responders) as well as professional caregivers of individuals, in an agency setting, with IDD who are at a higher risk of dementia, as well as the educational programs offered (Desert Regional Center).

Indicators:

- High-quality, comprehensive dementia training programs are identified or developed, and made available to all residential, community-based aging services statewide, professional societies, public agencies caring for individuals with IDD, and concerned community members.
- The identified or developed programs are encouraged by key partners.
- The identified or developed programs are adopted and implemented by an increasing number of residential and community-based aging services over the plan's two-year period.

Potential Funding:

Grants, donations and/or gifts. Specific sources may include:

- State appropriation and/or state grants for dementia training
- Civil monetary penalty funds
- Federal grants.