

Recommendation #13: Driving and Dementia

Improve Nevada's infrastructure, services, and support for ensuring the safety of people whose driving ability may be compromised by cognitive impairment, and those around them. Develop and implement:

- 1) A public information campaign about cognitive impairment and driving safety, leveraging public service announcements, websites, printed materials, etc., with content including:
 - a) Signs of compromised driving ability and potentially increased driving risk.
 - b) Options for addressing and/or reporting unsafe driving; and
 - c) Options for formal evaluation of driving safety.
- 2) A training program for healthcare providers through continuing education (CE) courses, licensing authority mailings, licensing requirements, kiosks/displays at meetings, etc., with content regarding:
 - a) Nevada statutes and regulations about provider responsibilities when cognitive impairment may compromise driving safety.
 - b) Mechanisms for reporting drivers who may be unsafe because of cognitive impairment.
 - c) Signs of compromised driving ability and potentially increased driving risk.
 - d) Options for formal evaluation of driving safety; and
 - e) Options for rehabilitation to safe driving.
- 3) A process to create a standardized evidence-based driving safety evaluation tool for use by entities interested in driver safety and/or cognitive impairment, such as ADSD, geriatrics clinicians, Department of Transportation (DOT), Alzheimer's Association, etc.
- 4) Provide support for individuals and families when driving must be restricted because of cognitive impairment by:
 - a) Promoting the development of safe, economical alternative means of transportation, including improved public transportation and partnerships with relevant private industries; and
 - b) Assisting families with negotiating, explaining, and reinforcing driving restrictions.

Indicators:

- 1) Program utilization
- 2) Participation (e.g., meeting attendance, website hits, CE credits granted)
- 3) Trips/riders served by alternative means of transportation
- 4) Use of assessment services
- 5) Number of drivers served by support services
- 6) Other assessments (polls, quizzes, focus groups, etc.) of Nevada healthcare providers and residents