

Dementia Friendly Nevada (DFN) Presentation

Timeline & Growth: 2016–2017: DFNV launched with 4 community groups. 2018: Expanded to 6 groups. 2019–2021: Transitioned to UNR DEER Program; Nevada CAN effort launched. 2022–2024: Funding reductions; pilot Dementia Support Specialist (DSS) program introduced. 2025: Funding from ADSD eliminated; network grows to 9 groups; DSS program ends in 2026.

Impact: 5,500+ physical Dementia Self-Management Guidebooks distributed. 460+ Dementia Conversations sessions; 6,200+ repeat visits. 240+ Dementia Friends sessions; 3,800+ Dementia Friends trained. 650,000+ social media impressions; 300,000+ reach. 7,000+ participants in presentations; 4,000+ in DFNV meetings.

Funding & Sustainability: DFNV is a public initiative, not a direct-service program. Calls for state-funded dementia infrastructure with a goal of modeling after Wisconsin's success (58 Dementia Care Specialists in 2024).

Future Proposal: Include a State Plan recommendation (2027–2028) for funding a Dementia Support Specialist network integrated with DFNV, followed by a Bill Draft Request.

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