



Addressing Alzheimer's Disease in Indian Country

Tribal Capacity Building Webinar: Data, Outreach and Implementation Resources

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Funding Opportunities

Cooperative Agreements

- Funding Announcement Number: [HHS-2023-IHS-ALZ-0001](#)
- Eligibility: Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations. *Cannot be an existing Dementia program awardee.*
- Federal Register Publication: [Addressing Dementia in Indian Country: Models of Care](#)
- Funding Amount: Awards of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per year for 2 years
- Anticipate 6 awards
- **Application period end date: June 27, 2023**

Program Awards

- Eligibility: IHS Service Units working in partnership with the Tribe(s) and Nations that they serve under the condition that the Tribe(s) or Nations served by the IHS Service Unit have elected not to apply for a Cooperative Agreement (above)
- Application Materials: [Program Award Information & Fillable Application Template](#)
- Funding: Awards of **either up to \$50,000 or up to \$200,000** per year for two years
- Anticipate up to \$600,000 in awards
- **Application period end date: June 12, 2023**

Other IHS Dementia Activities

- **See:** <https://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/alztraining/>
- **Join:** [IHS Elder Care LISTSERV](#)
- **Participate:** Clinical and Caregiver ECHOS supported by IHS Alzheimer's Grant Program – May 11 starts clinical ECHO
- **Learn:** More webinars, Indian Health Geriatric Scholars (GeriScholars) and Other Workforce Efforts – *Stay tuned for applications early summer*



Dementia Clinical ECHO
2nd Thursday of Each Month | 11:00AM - 12:00PM PT

Support for Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian clinicians to strengthen knowledge and confidence to detect, diagnose, and manage care for American Indian and Alaska Native people living with dementia. Includes collaborative learning, case-based presentations, knowledge sharing, consultation, and support during virtual ECHO clinics. Topics include: stages of dementia, care planning, medications, management of challenging behaviors, culturally responsive holistic care, and more..

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Beginning May 11, 2023



Dementia Caregiver ECHO
4th Thursday of Each Month | 11:00AM - 12:00PM PT

Free ECHO collaborative to learn, share knowledge and support during virtual ECHO clinics focused on staff who provide support for caregivers in the challenges they face in caring for individuals with dementia. Topics include: challenging behaviors, caregiver self-care, care planning and navigation, financial and physical safety, and mobilizing family resources.

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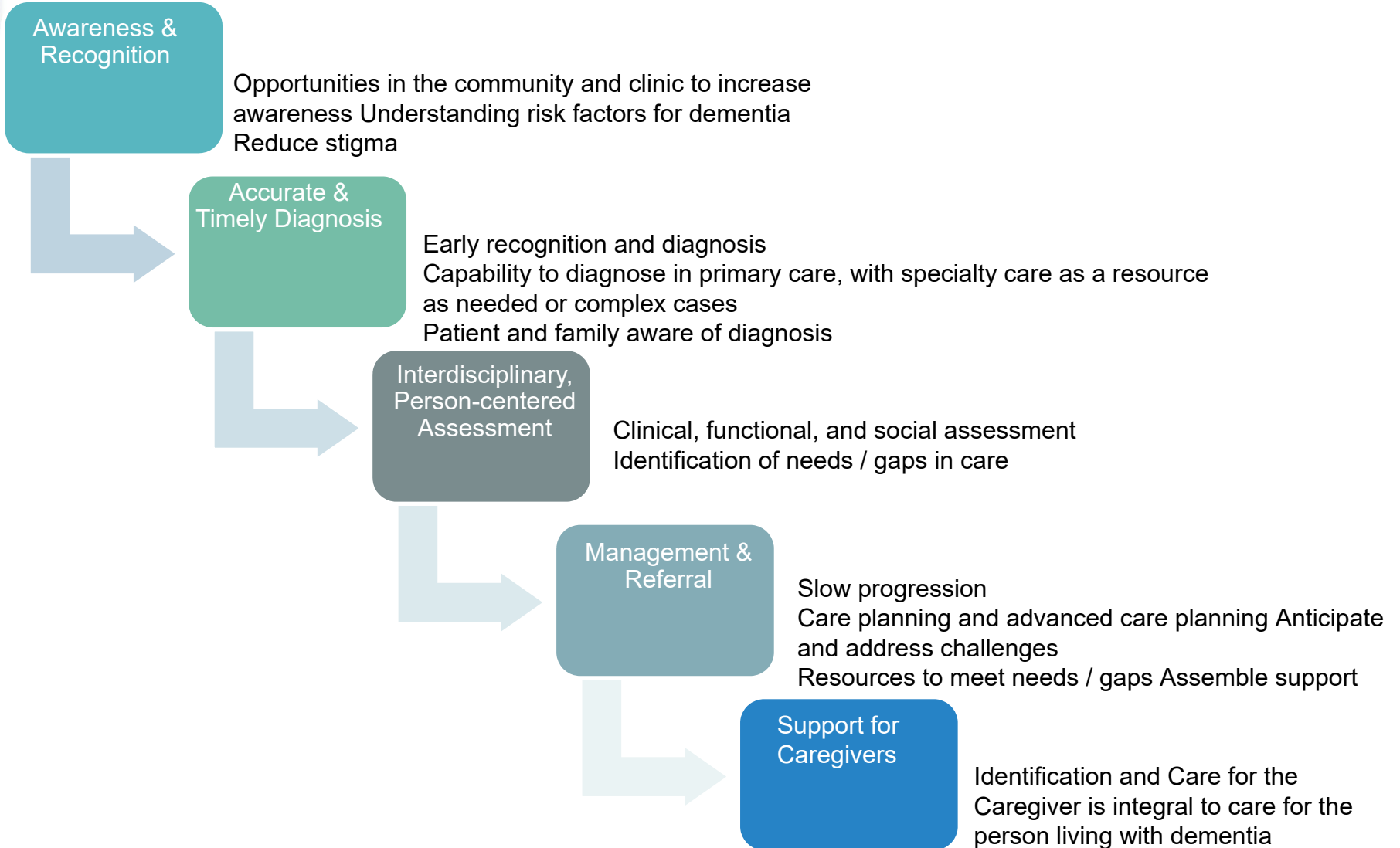
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Beginning June 2023

IHS Page: Resources to Support Planning

- **Visit:** <https://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/fundingopps/2023fundingopp/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Healthy Brain Initiative Roadmap for Indian Country
- CDC – Funded Public Health Dementia Centers of Excellence
 - Dementia Risk Reduction
 - Early Detection of Dementia
 - Dementia Caregiving
- American Indian and Alaska Native Resource Center for Brain Health Online Resource Library – International Association for Indigenous Aging (IA²)
- Age-Friendly Health Systems – An initiative of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the John A. Hartford Foundation
- Dementia Friendly America (*see Community Toolkit and Resources*)
- Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Program
- In focus: Spreading Innovative Approaches to Dementia Care – The Commonwealth Fund
- Recommendations to Improve Payment Policies for Comprehensive Dementia Care – Journal of the American Geriatrics Society
- Mini-Cog: Quick Screening for Early Dementia Detection
- Person-Centered Assessment and Care Planning – The Gerontologist
- Health Systems and Medical Professionals: Care planning – Alzheimer's Association
- Best Practice Caregiving Database (Compendium of evidence-based caregiver interventions) – Benjamin Rose Institute
- Care Interventions for People Living with Dementia and their Caregivers – Systematic Review, August 2020, AHRQ Effective Health Care (EHC) Program

5 Key Elements of Comprehensive Care – Drivers



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Logic Model Sample

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AIM: Improve the provision of culturally competent care, services, and outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native people living with dementia and their caregivers

5 Primary Drivers: 1.) Increase Awareness and Recognition of dementia; 2.) Make an Accurate and Timely Diagnosis; 3.) Provide an Interdisciplinary Assessment to identify need for services and an appropriate plan of care for people living with dementia and their caregivers; 4.) Provide comprehensive, person-centered Management and Referral to meet needs; and 5.) Support Caregivers.

1. Increase Awareness and Recognition of dementia

PRIMARY DRIVER What will be necessary to meet our aim?	SECONDARY DRIVERS - EXAMPLES What are the steps or components necessary for this driver?	STRATEGIES - EXAMPLES Some examples of specific strategies related to this driver.
Increase Awareness and Recognition of Dementia Example Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates of dementia • # of referrals from community for assessment • # of staff or Tribal orgs trained in early detection 	Select and implement an early detection strategy	Use a standard screening tools (e.g. Mini-Cog)
		Identify the triggers for screening in various settings
		Train in screening in various clinical settings (for example: oral health, pharmacy, Public Health and Community Health Nursing, Community Health Representatives)
	Create opportunities for detection of cognitive impairment	Use a Well Elder Visit or the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit as an opportunity to assess for cognitive impairment
		Assess for cognitive impairment and delirium in the Emergency Department and make referral to PCP
		Train front-line staff in warning signs and care pathways
	Educate in the 10 warning signs for dementia	Adapt the warning signs for dementia and other dementia education materials to the Tribe's culture and language
		Use Community or Tribal meetings, Health Fairs, or social media for education opportunities
		Collaborate with senior center / elder services
		Financial institutions, local grocers and shops
Coordinate with community-based organizations touching the elderly	Law enforcement	
	Post Office and Tribal buildings	

For 2023 applicants, the evaluation plan should, at a minimum, include performance measures about the number of persons newly diagnosed with dementia, the number of persons living with a pre-existing dementia diagnosis, screening measures, and case-finding efforts among their patient population.

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Logic Model (Driver Diagram) Sample Template for Addressing Dementia in Indian Country: Models of Care

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Thank you!

For more about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and the IHS Alzheimer's Grants Program, visit: <https://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers>

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