



Addressing Alzheimer's Disease in Indian Country

Tribal Capacity Building Webinar

Early Lessons Learned from IHS Dementia Models of Care Grantees

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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

- **Visit:** <https://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers>
- **Join:** [IHS Elder Care LISTSERV](#)
- **Participate:** Clinical and Caregiver ECHOS supported by IHS Alzheimer's Grant Program – **June 22** launch of caregiver support program ECHO



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

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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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Learn: Indian Health GeriScholars Pilot

- Applications for 2nd cohort of IH GeriScholars opens **next week**
- Physicians, nurse practitioners, PAs, or pharmacists sponsored by their IHS, Tribal, or Urban Indian Health program
- Up to **15 new scholars** accepted on rolling basis
- Questions or more info, **contact:** valerie.jones@ihs.gov

Individual learning track for professional continuing education, including:

- An **intensive week-long training** in geriatrics from one of three Geriatrics Board Review courses
- A **mentored geriatric improvement project** at their local facility
- A **clinical practicum or mentorship** in geriatric practice
- **Ongoing** education, training, and peer support as an Indian Health Geriatric Scholar

Visit website next week for updated application materials:

<https://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/alztraining/>

Panel of Speakers



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Director Communication and
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Kim Hartwig, MD
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Teresa Martens, RN
Director of Community Health
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Context: Diagnosis Happens in Primary Care

Primary care is primary!

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

85% of first diagnoses, 80% of care

- “We do it all, birth to death”
- Late and low dementia detection
- Under-developed care framework

MEMORY DISORDER SPECIALISTS*

15% of first diagnoses, <10% of care

- Access issues, consult model
- Disease vs person focus
- Variable relationship with primary care

** neuro, geri, psych*

Yang et al. *J Am Med Dir Assoc* 2016; Drabo et al. *Alzheimer's Dement* 2019

5 Key Elements of Comprehensive Care – Drivers

Awareness & Recognition

Opportunities in the community and clinic to increase awareness
Understanding risk factors for dementia
Reduce stigma

Accurate & Timely Diagnosis

Early recognition and diagnosis
Capability to diagnose in primary care, with specialty care as a resource as needed for complex cases
Patient & family aware of diagnosis

Interdisciplinary, Person-centered Assessment

Clinical, functional, and social assessment
Identification of needs / gaps in care

Management & Referral

Slow progression
Care planning and advanced care planning
Anticipate and address challenges
Resources to meet needs / gaps
Assemble support

Support for Caregivers

Identification and Care for the Caregiver is integral to care for the person living with dementia

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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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