

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

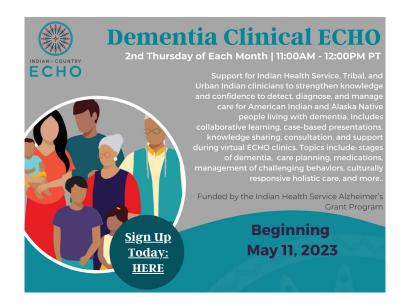
- Funding Announcement Number: <u>HHS-2023-IHS-ALZ-0001</u>
- Eligibility: Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations. *Cannot be an existing Dementia program awardee.*
- Federal Register Publication: <u>Addressing Dementia in Indian Country: Models of Care</u>
- Funding Amount: Awards 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: <u>Program Award Information & Fillable Application Template</u>
- 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: <u>IHS Elder Care LISTSERV</u>
- Participate: Clinical and Caregiver ECHOS supported by IHS
 Alzheimer's Grant Program June 22 launch of caregiver support program ECHO





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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Kim Hartwig, MD Medical Director, Nimiipuu 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

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

^{*} neuro, geri, psych

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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