

NORTH DAKOTA'S 2017 STATE POLICY PLATFORM

More than 14,000 North Dakota residents are living with Alzheimer's. This number is projected to grow to 16,000 in North Dakota by the year 2025.

Given the sweeping economic, social, and psychological impact Alzheimer's disease has on North Dakotans, the state needs a proactive response to this issue. The Alzheimer's Association will focus on the following policy priorities in North Dakota in 2017:

ADVANCING CAREGIVER SUPPORTS

Ensure that people living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers receive the support resources that will improve their ability to manage the disease, deal with the complexities of navigating the care continuum and reduce the burden.

- Our top priority is to continue the Dementia Care Services Program (DCSP) at an adequate funding level. Work with key stakeholders, the Department of Human Services, and key public officials to advocate for the continuation and expansion of the DCSP.

ENSURING QUALITY DEMENTIA TRAINING

Apply adequate training standards and requirements for individuals working in facilities or programs regulated by the State, as well as for other community professionals who may, in their line of work, encounter people living with the disease.

PREPARING NORTH DAKOTA FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Identify gaps in dementia preparedness to create a clear set of priorities and objectives for policy makers as they consider the emotional and economic toll of this disease on families as well as on the state budget.

INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Create awareness, reduce stigma, and encourage early detection of Alzheimer's disease.

ACCELERATING RESEARCH

Advance research in the care, cure and prevention of Alzheimer's disease through the expansion of public funding efforts.

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The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's®.
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