

Making Illinois Dementia-Capable

A “Dementia-Capable State” means that Illinois and its long term care services, community-based services and dementia support systems have:

- The ability to identify people with dementia and their caregivers
- Information, referral and service coordination that provides person-centered services to people with dementia and their caregivers
- Eligibility criteria for public programs that is equitable for people with dementia
- Access to appropriate services that people with dementia and their caregivers are likely to use
- A rebalanced approach with a variety of service options ranging from strong home and community based services to quality skilled nursing care for those with dementia
- A professional healthcare workforce that is knowledgeable about dementia as well as how to serve people with the disease and their caregivers
- A coordinated public health system that embraces cognitive health as a priority and invests in its promotion through monitoring and evaluation, education and empowerment, developing policy and mobilizing partnerships, and assuring a competent work force.
- Quality assurance systems that take into account the unique needs of people with dementia and their caregivers
- Expanded Alzheimer’s and other dementias research through appropriate state revenue generation and disbursement opportunities

ABOUT ILLINOIS PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Efforts in public policy and advocacy by the Alzheimer’s Association®, with the help of thousands of Illinois Alzheimer Advocates and the Illinois Alzheimer Legislators Alliance, work to ensure that the needs of all those affected or impacted by Alzheimer’s disease are addressed where possible through legislative or regulatory change in partnership with state agencies, the Illinois Legislature and the Governor of the State of Illinois.

VISION

A world without Alzheimer’s disease.

MISSION

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.