## STATE ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE PLANS: RESEARCH

*Recommendations to increase research on Alzheimer’s disease*

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<td>• Support collaboration between entities in developing and researching innovative, non-pharmacologic, person-centered approaches for behavioral management (such as those that employ creativity and the arts) in Alabama’s dementia care facilities.</td>
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| Alaska      | • Support University of Alaska research related to Alzheimer’s and other dementias.  
• Support development of capacity for clinical trials of medications for Alzheimer’s and other dementias, pilot projects of effective care models, and research into symptom management in Alaska using specific research where possible.  
• Seek federal grant opportunities to support research. |
| Arizona     | • Create an Arizona research exchange or network through Arizona conferences on Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias and via mechanisms such as LinkedIn and Research Gate (a social networking site for professionals, scientists, and researchers) to share papers, ask and answer questions, and find collaborators.  
• Prioritize reduction of the time lag between discovery and research translation.  
• Strengthen the Arizona Alzheimer’s Disease Research Priority Agenda by expanding and enhancing cutting edge research that encompasses both medical research and promising clinical drug trials, in addition to essential research on prevention, risk reduction, and impact and care/support of people living with Alzheimer’s disease and their care partners.  
• Engage and educate health and human service providers on the benefits of referring people affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias to research studies.  
• Encourage key leaders, administrators, and advocates in professional organizations of health and human services providers to include information about research, research participation, and its importance to their members.  
• Use testimonials of diverse groups of research participants to describe the benefits of research and assist with research recruitment.  
• Identify creative ways to engage undergraduate and graduate students in Alzheimer’s disease to build a pipeline of future researchers.  
• Engage younger audiences in research-related activities through social media.  
• Develop collaborative strategies among research institutes, health and human service providers, and Arizona’s aging network to increase research participation.  
• Create and support research recruitment campaigns such as Banner Alzheimer’s Prevention Initiative and Alzheimer’s Association TrialMatch.  
• Encourage research that explores the inter-relationships among Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias and other co-occurring disorders/co-morbidities such as depression, diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, etc.  
• Identify and overcome challenges to engaging participants in Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias research, including geographic, socio-economic, cultural, or other differences that may discourage participation.  
• Preserve and expand state funding of Alzheimer’s research.  
• Promote increased taxpayer contributions to Alzheimer’s research through state-approved mechanisms (e.g., a state tax check-off to fund Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias research).  
• Increase sponsorship and support from private and public sectors (including non- and not-for-profit entities as well as individuals) to foster research collaboration.  
• Identify and take advantage of ways to share resources (time, space, etc.) in research programs and activities.  
• Explore emerging internet and social media resources and solutions, which may include crowd funding, crowd sourcing, and similar opportunities for both funding and participant recruitment. |
Arizona (cont.)

- Identify/implement best practices and develop new opportunities for collaborative research across organizations (institutes, universities, government, industry, and non- and not-for-profit).
- Engage and mentor new investigators and those from other fields for collaborative work on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias research.
- Build on existing and develop new conference opportunities in Arizona on Alzheimer's research.
- Encourage innovative leadership in local to global research that fosters new conceptual frameworks, novel designs and methods, and unique interdisciplinary partnerships leading to state-of-the-art evidence-based and evidence-informed prevention and care.

Arkansas

- Invest in the Pilot Research Program of the Arkansas's Center for Clinical and Translational Research of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to bolster research in Alzheimer's and other dementias and to translate effective diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.

California

- Engage community physicians to encourage referral to and participation in clinical trials.
- Preserve, restore, and expand state funding of the ten California Alzheimer's Disease Centers, including the mandate to conduct research.
- Promote increased taxpayer contributions to the tax check-off for Alzheimer's disease research.
- Renew California's commitment to lead the nation in research by: (1) collaborating with industry and the life and biosciences sector; (2) exploring opportunities for California's special funds for research to support competitive funding for Alzheimer's disease; and (3) promoting research focused on the development of assistive technology, including both high- and low-tech assistive devices that adapt everyday environments for people with Alzheimer's.
- Educate the public on the availability, purpose, and value of research, and encourage participation in clinical trials and other studies.
- Promote the Alzheimer's Association's TrialMatch to increase participation in clinical trials.
- Collaborate with private, state, and federal partners to increase participation of diverse populations in research studies.
- Partner with the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California to include and promote sample language regarding research participation in standard advance health care directive forms.

Colorado

- Establish a Colorado Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Connecticut

- Incentivize clinics that collaborate with academic centers to offer National Institutes of Health-sponsored clinical trials throughout the state of Connecticut.

Delaware

- Facilitate the establishment of a private, public, academic partnership to efficiently support data and research infrastructure related to dementia in the state and region in a way that partners the research, clinical, patient, and caregiver communities while serving as a resource for the public.
- Study other states' relevant infrastructure for supporting basic, translational, and clinical Alzheimer's and dementia research.
- Identify and engage the relevant members of the research community and stakeholders.
- Explore ways to improve the research infrastructure for supporting basic, translational, and clinical research in the state and region.
- Develop a plan for improving the state's relevant infrastructure for supporting basic, translational, and clinical Alzheimer's and dementia research.

District of Columbia

- Identify all organizations and institutions in the District of Columbia involved in Alzheimer's disease research to promote Alzheimer's disease research awareness and strategic alliances.
- Promote and support innovative Alzheimer's disease research by increasing the sharing of knowledge and innovative research methods through stand-alone conferences and by incorporating Alzheimer's research topics into other conferences occurring in the District.
- Increase participation of at-risk populations in clinical research trials through the exploration and implementation of campaign methods.
- Establish a Coordinating Council to advocate for increased private, corporate, and philanthropic funding for Alzheimer's disease research through collaboration of the District of Columbia's research community/organizations.
- Utilize media and social network sources to promote participation in clinical trials among populations marked by Alzheimer's disease and other related diseases.
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| Florida | • Support research consortia to enable successful competition for National Institute of Health-funded Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers.  
   • Provide state funding for a grant program for Alzheimer's and other dementias research.  
   • Support Alzheimer's disease and other dementias conferences in the state of Florida.  
   • Provide sustainable funding for Florida's Brain Bank. Funding reductions that have occurred should be restored, and statewide activities should be funded at an increased, appropriate level. |
| Georgia | • Implement a State Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Registry to be housed in the Department of Public Health. |
| Hawaii | • Develop a Hawaii research consortium to expand research and programs unique to Hawaii that have the potential to contribute to the science and understanding of Alzheimer’s and other dementias worldwide.  
   • Piggyback on or build relationships with national research partners, including to promote increased enrollment in clinical trials and other clinical research.  
   • Convene an annual dementia care and research symposium with goals of fostering scientific collaboration and sharing of current dementia research with the Hawaii community.  
   • Share the latest information about promising research and interventions with Hawaii health care professionals and the general public, through educational events, online sources, and the media. |
| Idaho | • Pursue donations and other sources of funds other than the Income Tax Check Off to increase available state research funds such as bequests, other state or federal funding, or other grants.  
   • Review the strategies used by other states to leverage additional research dollars.  
   • Actively promote the state income tax donations and other donations and contributions to increase the amount of research funding.  
   • Develop strategies to protect the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Fund.  
   • Increase the overall level of state funding for Alzheimer's disease research, care, and treatment for Alzheimer's Disease Assistance (ADA) centers and other entities, including by: (1) developing strategies to raise the state funding levels for the ADA centers compared to states demographically similar to Illinois; and (2) identifying funding opportunities that may qualify for federal or private matches and to leverage additional dollars for the program.  
   • Reward the leadership efforts of the ADA centers.  
   • Charge the ADA centers with the responsibility to create strategic alliances between the ADA centers and other academic institutions throughout the state.  
   • Task the ADA centers to work with other entities to identify and engage stakeholders, including state chapters of the Alzheimer’s Association, to participate in the development of these strategic alliances, and to assist the ADA centers to identify needs and opportunities for new initiatives.  
   • Create a system that rewards the ADA centers for the development and implementation of collaborative efforts between the ADA centers, other academic institutions, and stakeholders.  
   • Develop a joint report to be presented to the Committee each year that reports individual ADA center programs, but highlights the cooperative efforts of the ADA centers.  
   • Regularly review and analyze the current funding formulas for the ADA centers.  
   • Work with Congress to increase Alzheimer's research funding. |
| Illinois | • Engage physicians, practitioners, and community partners to encourage referral to and participation in clinical trials and longitudinal studies by diverse populations in Indiana.  
   • Support Indiana's commitment to Alzheimer’s research.  
   • Sustain an Alzheimer's disease research center. |
| Iowa | • Explore processes for distributing state funds to university faculty and determine the feasibility of designating state funds specifically toward Alzheimer's research.  
   • Explore additional funding sources for Alzheimer’s research through Kentuck universities and other resources. |
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| Louisiana | • Support dementia research by increasing the sharing of scientific knowledge among scientists through stand-alone conferences, as well as by incorporating dementia research topics into other conferences that meet in Louisiana.  
  • Support the development of a Center of Excellence for dementia research to promote collaboration, share knowledge, and offer education and services throughout Louisiana.  
  • Develop strategies to attract, grow, and track research funding through universities, colleges, not-for-profit organizations, and other stakeholders.  
  • Develop and support programs that encourage therapeutics and clinical trials for dementia by scientists from Louisiana, including basic research efforts and sponsoring biotechnology incubators to attract businesses to the state. |
| Maine    |                                                                                                      |
| Maryland |                                                                                                      |
| Massachusetts |                                                                                                      |
| Michigan |                                                                                                      |
| Minnesota | • Increase the participation of diverse populations in research on Alzheimer's and other dementias.  
  • Continue aggressive research on prevention, treatments, interventions, and a cure for Alzheimer's. |
| Mississippi | • Ensure the most promising research projects are promoted and made sustainable, including research on risk factors and prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and cures for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.  
  • Establish a consortium to include academic institutions, relevant state and local agencies, and representation from private and lay stakeholder organizations to serve as an umbrella structure to coordinate and foster research efforts on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias in Mississippi.  
  • Survey state universities, hospitals, clinics, and physician practices to assess what research is currently being conducted in the areas of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia as well as any studies planned in the future.  
  • Contact public and private organizations, such as the Alzheimer’s Association, to identify what plans they have for research initiatives such as pending grants or clinical trial match.  
  • Develop an authoritative list of all active Alzheimer’s disease and dementia researchers (including basic and clinical research, behavioral research, and cognitive investigators) and their affiliated research institutions; public and maintain the list in a centralized location or website that is available to the public.  
  • Establish research priorities based on Mississippi’s unique demographics and the national priorities outlined in the National Alzheimer's Project Act.  
  • Develop and support programs that encourage therapeutics and clinical trials for Alzheimer's disease and dementia by scientists from Mississippi, including basic research efforts and sponsoring biotechnology incubators to attract businesses to the state.  
  • Develop collaborative relationships between researchers involved in ongoing health outcome studies already enrolling ethnic minorities and remote populations to facilitate recruitment of medically underserved individuals into aging and Alzheimer's disease studies.  
  • Contact clinical professionals to determine their interest in research and encourage their participation in research-related activities.  
  • Develop and distribute data and informational materials to educate public corporations and state policymakers about the need for interdisciplinary and collaborative Alzheimer’s disease research.  
  • Identify organizations involved in fundraising for Alzheimer’s and dementia research and coordinate efforts through regular communication to limit duplication of efforts while expanding the state’s collective donor base.  
  • Quantify the current level of research funding for Alzheimer's disease in Mississippi and prepare a comprehensive list to identify the funding source and amount for each investigator.  
  • Create a centralized location or website to compile information for key stakeholders regarding current Alzheimer's disease/dementia researchers, studies, and funding sources in Mississippi. |
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| Mississippi | • Explore opportunities to promote competitive funding through Mississippi special funds.  
  • Create a database of research opportunities from governmental and non-governmental funding sources and identify those grants that address Mississippi's needs; establish a research work group to encourage researchers in Mississippi to apply for grants and provide support for new researchers in grant writing.  
  • Develop a program to leverage resources among Mississippi investigators and affiliated researchers for joint applications for federal research funding through various agencies and institutions such as the Veterans Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administration on Aging, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the National Institutes of Health.  
  • Encourage development of an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) in Mississippi that can more effectively compete for federal funding and support.  
  • Create and distribute culturally sensitive and appropriately tailored informational materials and educational programs for the public on aging and Alzheimer's disease research studies to promote study participation.  
  • Collaborate with private, state, and federal partners to increase participation of diverse and medically underserved populations in research studies.  
  • Engage community physicians to encourage referral to and participation in Alzheimer's disease/dementia research projects and clinical studies.  
  • Promote the Alzheimer's Association's TrialMatch for increasing participation in clinical trials.  
  • Expand the use of the University of Mississippi Medical Center's telemedicine technology applications in research protocols to research rural populations and remote communities. |
| Missouri    | • Advocate for restoration of state funding to Missouri-based researchers for the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Disorders Program.  
  • Partner with academic institutions across the state to develop a research summit with the dual goals of fostering scientific collaboration and disseminating current research to the general public. |
| Montana     | • Increase the number of studies conducted in Montana related to Alzheimer's disease and develop new research collaborations with organizations and institutions in the Northwest involved in Alzheimer's disease.  
  • Conduct and distribute a yearly review and summary of relevant Alzheimer's and other dementias literature in order to keep abreast of local, national, and international findings and support the creation of a clearinghouse to provide summaries of research findings.  
  • Identify challenges to engaging participants in Alzheimer's and other dementias research in Montana, including geographic, socio-economic, cultural, or other differences that may discourage participation and implement solutions that will increase participation.  
  • Promote programs such as the Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch as a way to match individuals with clinical research studies, including those underway at the nation's 29 Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers.  
  • Encourage individuals to support funding for Alzheimer's and other dementias research through organizations such as the Alzheimer’s Association, state universities and local research institutions. |
| Nebraska    | • Create an Alzheimer's and Other Dementia Registry in the State of Nebraska.  
  • Promote and help connect Nebraskans to current and future research participation opportunities, such as the Dementia Care Ecosystem Pilot. |
| Nevada      | • Establish a Nevada consortium to maximize current and future research and diagnostic efforts to address Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.  
  • Investigate and encourage expanded research opportunities throughout Nevada to study current, and develop new, medications that treat Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.  
  • Promote the dissemination of information about treatments available to persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including approved drug regimens, investigational drugs available to Nevada residents, and the potential side effects of medications. |
<p>| New Hampshire |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| New Mexico    | • Establish a research consortium overseen by a medical/scientific advisory committee to promote successful and collaborative medical, scientific, and social research in New Mexico.  
• Conduct an annual research symposium incorporating medical, scientific, social, and behavioral research findings and approaches.  
• Actively seek sources of private and public funding in support of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias research in New Mexico. |
| New York      | • Promote research related to strategies to improve patient behavior (i.e., non-traditional therapies, psychosocial interventions, and non-pharmacological treatments).  
• Promote collaboration between state research institutes and academia to accelerate drug discovery and clinical trials to validate innovative drug treatments for the behavioral symptoms of dementia that impede patient management.  
• Increase awareness and benefits of clinical trials.  
• Develop strategies for translating research findings into community practice.  
• Promote research related to behavioral strategies to reduce maladaptive behavior.  
• Collect and evaluate cognitive and behavioral outcomes from participation in dementia adult day programs. |
| North Carolina| • Support research through the establishment of a statewide collaborative registry of people diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. |
| North Dakota  |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Oklahoma      |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Oregon        | • Create an online list of all current state and national dementia-related research in order to increase the number of Oregonians participating in Alzheimer’s research trials.  
• Promote increased use of the state income tax check off to fund Alzheimer’s research through a publicity campaign. |
| Pennsylvania  | • Conduct an economic analysis of the negative impact of Alzheimer’s and other dementias on Pennsylvania, including the cost to Medicaid and other state programs, as well as predictions of future economic impact.  
• Conduct an economic analysis on the potential economic benefits that accrue to Pennsylvania because of research and technology development and increased employment in the health care industry related to Alzheimer’s and other dementias, as well as the potential for increased economic benefits from an expansion of research, development, and care services.  
• Seek grant money to support Alzheimer’s and other dementias research and technology.  
• Create an environment that invites research and technology development.  
• Approach private foundations for grant support to sponsor research aimed at finding cures, treatments, and prevention strategies.  
• Pursue public-private partnerships with corporate entities to sponsor research aimed at finding cures, treatments, and prevention strategies.  
• Pursue supplemental funding to federally-funded research and practice grants.  
• Advocate for increased federal support for Alzheimer’s and dementia research.  
• Develop public and provider awareness information regarding clinical trials, to be distributed directly to primary care providers, patients, and families in a variety of modalities.  
• Develop and use existing education and FAQs for providers to distribute to patients and families at the time of diagnosis regarding clinical trials registries and qualifying requirements to engage in study protocols.  
• Increase awareness of web-based clinical trial finder sites.  
• Explore approaches that would enable the expansion of clinical trials to satellite facilities, including training of personnel, telemedicine, and remote video conferencing approaches.  
• Promote Pennsylvania as a magnet for clinical research by developing a network of hospital and other health care providers with clinical research capability across Pennsylvania. |
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| Pennsylvania (cont.) | • Cultivate collaborative efforts of the research, clinical, pharmaceutical, regulatory, and payer communities to identify barriers and solutions at each stage of treatment development with the goal of producing novel methods to prevent and treat Alzheimer’s and other dementias.  
• Provide incentives for biomedical technology companies working in the Alzheimer’s and other dementias field to remain in or relocate to Pennsylvania.  
• Promote and/or support legislation and/or incentives that would make Pennsylvania an attractive location for biomedical technology companies. |
| Puerto Rico | • Increase the amount of research related to Alzheimer’s disease.                          |
| Rhode Island | • Partner with Advisory Commission on Aging to issue a Request for Information to researchers and their institutions for input on funded research addressing Alzheimer’s and other dementias in the state. Disseminate this information to the Rhode Island research community and inform state policymakers of funded projects underway, areas ripe for potential collaboration, and any concerns regarding gaps in research or participant engagement. Update this on a biannual basis.  
• Communicate statewide about the importance of participation in research studies and clinical trials; identify ways to enhance recruitment of participants for clinical trials on pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic ways to prevent Alzheimer’s and to manage/treat symptoms, including by developing efforts aimed at communicating on an ongoing and targeted basis with primary care providers about the importance of discussing participation in research studies and clinical trials.  
• Support the collaboration and sharing of research and expertise across institutions and research organizations in Rhode Island.  
• Publicize and encourage participation in the Alzheimer’s Prevention Registry to enhance future recruitment of currently healthy “at-risk” participants into Alzheimer’s prevention trials; expand the registry to include participation by all stakeholders across the State of Rhode Island.  
• Support efforts of the Norman Prince Neurosciences Institute and Aging Brain Center as well as the efforts of the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program at the University of Rhode Island (URI) and other programs at Brown University and URI that are focused on aging and neurodegenerative disease.  
• Support community-based behavioral health services treatment and delivery research.  
• Collaborate with the state’s assisted living and nursing care facilities to work toward enhancing how brain donations, as well as blood and spinal fluid donations, to the Brown Brain Tissue Repository are recruited and tracked.  
• Improve the tracking of clinical trial participants throughout the lifecycle, particularly once they have entered a long-term care residence.  
• Develop new partnerships and initiate strategic outreach to address the challenge of enrolling sufficient and diverse numbers of people into research studies and clinical trials, including ethnic and racial populations that are at a higher risk for Alzheimer’s disease.  
• Harness existing resources in the state such as the Geriatric Education Center and the Gerontology Center that are capable of translating findings into practice.  
• Identify partnerships among local agencies and institutions to disseminate research findings to networks of providers and researchers, including by incorporating into the annual geriatric psychiatry seminar offered by Butler Hospital and by exploring the potential to build upon monthly conferences offered to Lifespan staff members interested in geriatrics.  
• Propose annual research summit goals, identify attendees and potential sponsors. |
| South Carolina | • Track research being done in the state and educate the public so they will be knowledgeable and can be involved in research if that is their choice. Make available the Alzheimer’s disease research directory so that prospective participants can access current information on available opportunities.  
• Create a brain bank in South Carolina for research purposes. |
| Tennessee | • Develop a plan for providing funding to individuals and/or facilities that are engaged in research on Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. |
• Support efforts to increase funding by 10 percent to maintain patient enrollment in the Texas Harris Alzheimer’s Study.
• Develop and distribute data and informational materials to inform potential funders about possible benefits of increased Alzheimer's disease research.
• Make available detailed information regarding progress and discoveries made by the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium (TARC) investigators.
• Compile a compendium of ongoing state-funded projects and future TARC research efforts.
• Present TARC’s specific plan for translating basic scientific discoveries into improved methods for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Alzheimer's disease to the scientific community.
• Create a state-level committee to identify Alzheimer's disease research priorities in Texas.
• Improve targeted funding opportunities to increase interdisciplinary, multi-institutional collaborations in Alzheimer's disease research.
• Increase funding by 25 percent for non-TARC Alzheimer's disease research in Texas.
• Establish a system for Texas research institutions to annually report research projects and funding sources to the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.
• Utilize available information to profile productivity of Alzheimer's disease research in Texas, relative to other states.
• Develop a program to leverage resources among Texas investigators and affiliated researchers for joint applications for federal research funding through institutions such as the Veterans Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administration on Aging, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the National Institutes of Health.
• Create an on-line clearinghouse of external, non-state supported research funding opportunities available for any Texas researcher working in the field of Alzheimer's and other dementias.
• Establish a research work group to identify funding sources to improve researchers’ capacity to attract external research dollars.
• Encourage development of Alzheimer's disease centers of excellence that can compete for federal support.
• Promote private funding of Alzheimer’s disease projects by disseminating research results of Texas-based scientists among lay communities.
• Convene an annual forum for Alzheimer’s disease researchers from across the nation to meet, discuss, and plan future collaborations.
• Expand research areas and disciplines engaged in Alzheimer’s disease research via funded, collaborative trans-disciplinary grant applications.
• Establish a minimum of two non-state funded research projects with special emphasis on the impact of Alzheimer’s disease and cognitive aging on the state's underserved individuals, including African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and rural Texas seniors.
• Develop collaborative relationships between ongoing Texas-based health outcome studies already enrolling elderly ethnic minorities and medically underserved populations to facilitate recruitment of underserved individuals into aging and Alzheimer’s disease specific studies.
• Create and distribute appropriately tailored informational materials on aging and Alzheimer’s disease research studies to underserved Texas communities for volunteer recruitment.
• Expand use of telemedicine technology applications in research protocols to reach rural populations and communities.
• Investigate collaborations with Latin-American, bi-national colleagues to embark in lifestyle risk assessment of Hispanics.
• Increase utilization of the TARC database by non-TARC Texas researchers to a minimum of three new projects per year.
• Generate and distribute information describing available TARC data and procedures for requesting data for analysis.
• Disseminate information to the Office of Research at each Texas-based university, including university media contacts and selected personnel within institutions.
• Create a working group/task force to interact with TARC’s data coordinating center to ensure a user-friendly process for requesting and obtaining data.
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| Texas (cont.) | • Develop a Texas list of present and potential Alzheimer’s disease researchers by institutions.  
• Develop a list of all active Alzheimer’s researchers (including basic and clinical research, behavioral research, and cognitive investigators) and their affiliated research institutions.  
• Assess the feasibility of establishing TARC-funded pilot research grants that support new Texas-based Alzheimer’s disease research.  
• Develop a multi-institutional resource sharing system/database that promotes collaborative sharing of information and resources between researchers at all Texas institutions.  
• Identify researchers at existing TARC sites to serve as collaborators and/or mentors for non-TARC Texas-based junior researchers and those new to Alzheimer’s disease research.  
• Convene an annual statewide research symposium to highlight Alzheimer’s disease research within Texas as well as promote collaboration and resource sharing.  
• Promote awareness of Alzheimer’s disease research at academic institutions, hospitals, and disease-related businesses.  
• Encourage Texas researchers to collaborate across the scientific spectrum of developmental science and basic research.  
• Support increased funding for collaborative dementia research across Texas.  
• Develop and distribute data and informational materials to educate public corporations and policymakers about the need for interdisciplinary Alzheimer’s disease research.  
• Facilitate acquisition of funding by Texas researchers from the Veterans Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other federal and private funding sources for multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional collaborative projects.  
• Develop, maintain, and distribute a compendium of ongoing funded Alzheimer’s research projects, multi-institutional collaborations, and multi-disciplinary studies within Texas.  
• Increase by 1,000 the number of persons with Alzheimer’s disease who participate in new and experimental clinical/research trials in Texas.  
• Promote greater awareness of existing and new opportunities for participation in Alzheimer’s disease-related clinical studies and trials to health and service-related entities.  
• Promote awareness of the Alzheimer’s Association’s TrialMatch website to establish a database of clinical studies and trials that match patients to clinical trials based on survey information.  
• Ensure that volunteer recruiting activities and measures are published in multiple languages and formats with high degrees of cultural sensitivity.  
• Explore the potential of securing funding for subsidizing costs to involve patients who live in rural areas in clinical trials.  
• Investigate the possibility of obtaining funding to conduct a statewide awareness campaign on the value of clinical trials and studies. |
| Utah | • Collaborate with industry and the life and biosciences sector to increase research infrastructure.  
• Ensure that the most promising evidence-based research projects are advanced and made sustainable, including research on prevention, treatment, and cures for Alzheimer’s disease.  
• Promote research focused on the development of assistive technology, including both high- and low-tech assistive devices that adapt everyday environments for people with Alzheimer’s.  
• Engage community physicians in research toward early recognition of memory problems as well as other dementia symptoms, and rapid referrals to clinical trials.  
• Promote taxpayer contributions through a tax check-off to support Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia research at Utah universities as administered through existing mechanisms at the Utah Center on Aging.  
• Educate the public on the availability, purpose, and value of research, and encourage participation in clinical trials and other studies.  
• Promote the Alzheimer’s Association’s TrialMatch to increase participation in clinical trials.  
• Collaborate with private, state, and federal partners to increase participation of diverse populations in research studies.  
• Encourage the Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative to support a new investigative team in neurodegenerative disease at the University of Utah. |
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| Utah (cont.) | • Generate rapid commercialization and spin-off companies based upon promising and innovative dementia research at Utah universities through their Offices of Technology Development and industry partnerships.  
  • Collaborate with private, state, and federal partners to increase participation of diverse populations in research studies. |
| Vermont    | • Sponsor statewide efforts to obtain more funding for dementia research.  
  • Work with academic partners and advocacy organizations to develop and sustain pathways by which the general public can learn about dementia research.  
  • Work with academic partners and advocacy organizations to develop a cohort of older adults, individuals with cognitive impairment, and families from around the state to represent the full spectrum of Vermont's demographic and geographic diversity in longitudinal dementia studies. |
| Virginia   | • Increase funding for the Alzheimer's and Related Diseases Research Award Fund.  
  • Provide networking opportunities for researchers in Virginia.  
  • Direct researchers to data sources for statistics regarding Alzheimer's disease and dementia in Virginia so that they can better write research funding applications.  
  • Develop training for gatekeepers (physicians, nurses, office managers, and other health professionals) on Alzheimer's disease and the value of research participation.  
  • Develop incentives such as care coordination, research partnering, and communications of study results, for health professionals who encourage research participation in the community. |
| Washington | • Identify organizations and institutions in the state involved in providing dementia-related psychosocial and medical services, and connect them with Alzheimer’s disease researchers to promote research awareness and strategic alliances, and explore using as pilot sites.  
  • The Alzheimer’s Disease Working Group partners will host a collaborative Alzheimer’s Summit highlighting research and best practices related to the Alzheimer’s State Plan goals.  
  • Leverage the metrics from health information exchanges as they become available to support research efforts at the clinic level.  
  • Explore ways to improve the infrastructure for supporting basic, translational, and clinical research in the state.  
  • Educate the public, including people with cognitive impairment, on the availability, purpose, and value of research and encourage participation in a broad spectrum of dementia research (i.e., research on finding a cure, prevention, improving the quality of life for individuals and caregivers).  
  • Engage community clinicians to encourage patient referral to and participation in clinical trials and dementia related research, and provide examples of “how to have the conversation.” |
| West Virginia | • Foster a multi-pronged approach to research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment, care, and cure of Alzheimer's disease. |
| Wisconsin  | *** Updated January 2017 *** |