

Administration for Community Living

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Administration for Community Living (2012)

Founding principle: People with disabilities and older adults should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and participate in their communities.

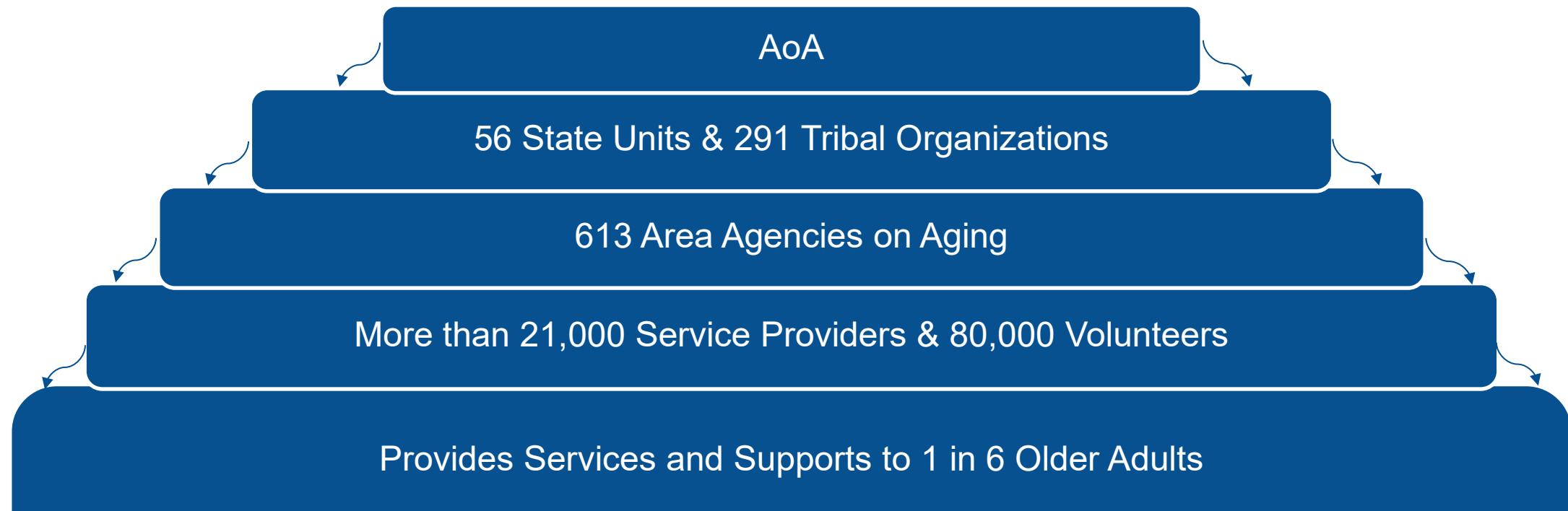
Administration on Aging

- Established under the **Older Americans Act (OAA)**
 - Administers funding and programs as authorized in statute
 - Establish national policies and priorities
 - Provide program leadership, technical assistance, and disseminate and influence best practices



OAA: Objectives and the Aging Network

- The Older Americans Act, administered by the Administration on Aging (AoA), helps over 14.6 Million older adults (1 in 6) remain at home through Low-Cost, Community-Based Services



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| 250 million meals | 14.1 million rides | 23.8 million hours of personal care, homemaker & chore services | 3.3 million hours of case management | 894,000 caregivers assisted | 7.1 million hours of respite care | Over 671,000 ombudsman consultations and cases |
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Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) Core Program Requirements

- Improve and expand on ***strengths-based, person-centered care*** for people living with dementia and their caregivers
- ***Support paid and unpaid caregivers*** through provision of education, training and tools.
- Deliver ***dementia-specific evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions*** to support people living with dementia and their caregivers.
- Third Party evaluation of all direct services delivered to demonstrate program impact.



Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative

Suite of Program Offerings

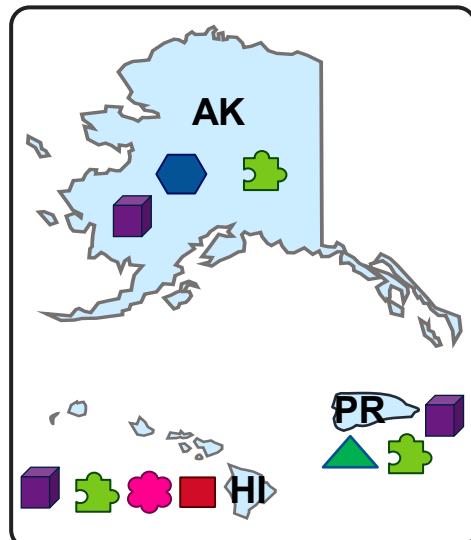
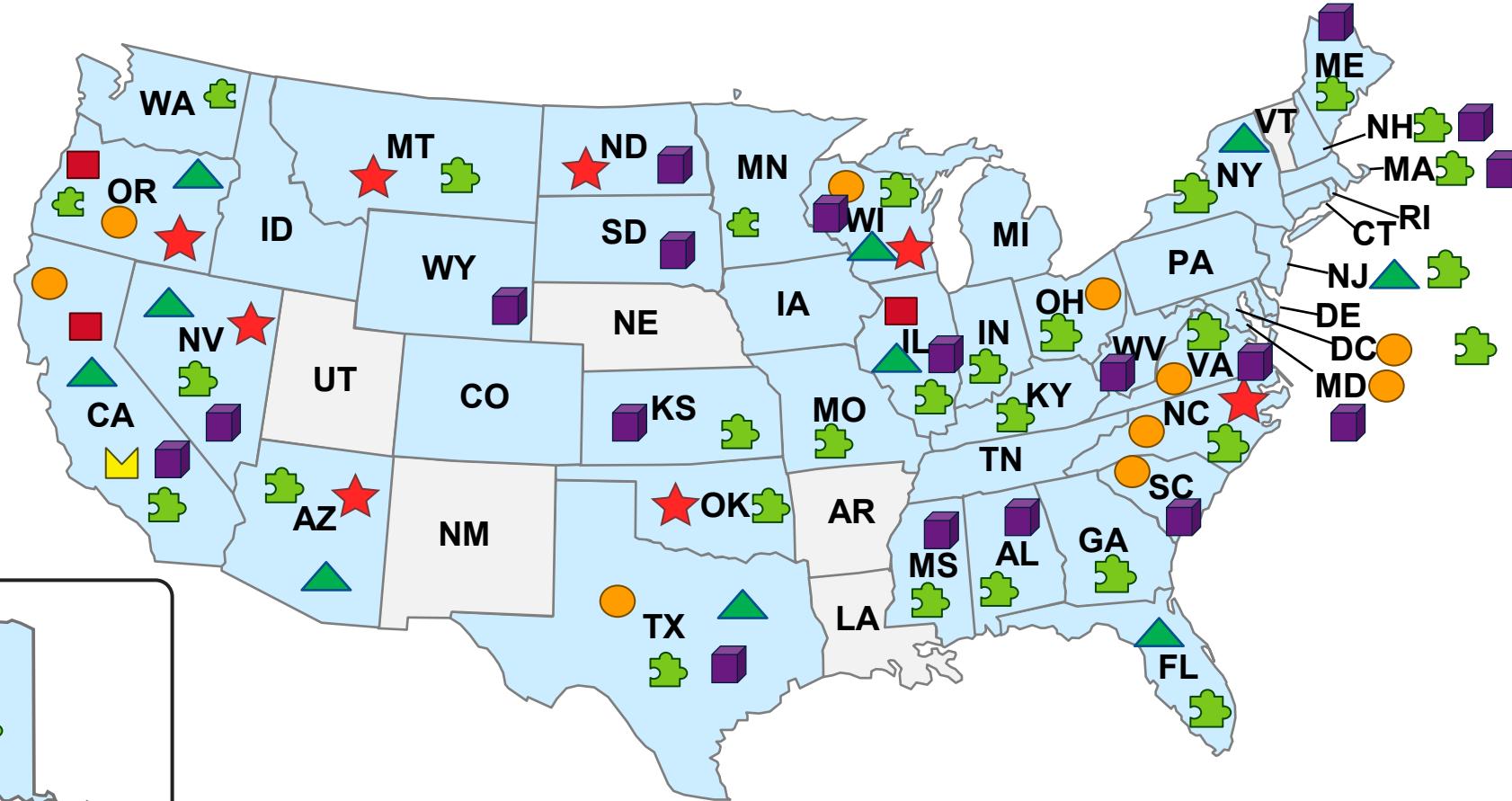
1. State, Community and Tribal Grant Programs
2. National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC)
3. Supporting State and Community Innovations in Dementia-Specific Respite Programs and Services
4. National Alzheimer's Call Center
5. **NEW** in 2025 is the Developing Dementia-Capable Community Health Worker Programs in the National Aging Network

Current and Past Grantees (Funded Since 2014)



Grantee Snapshot:

- AAAs
- Community-based orgs
- Counties
- Disability Service Providers
- Healthcare systems
- Hospice and palliative care providers
- States
- Tribal entities
- Universities

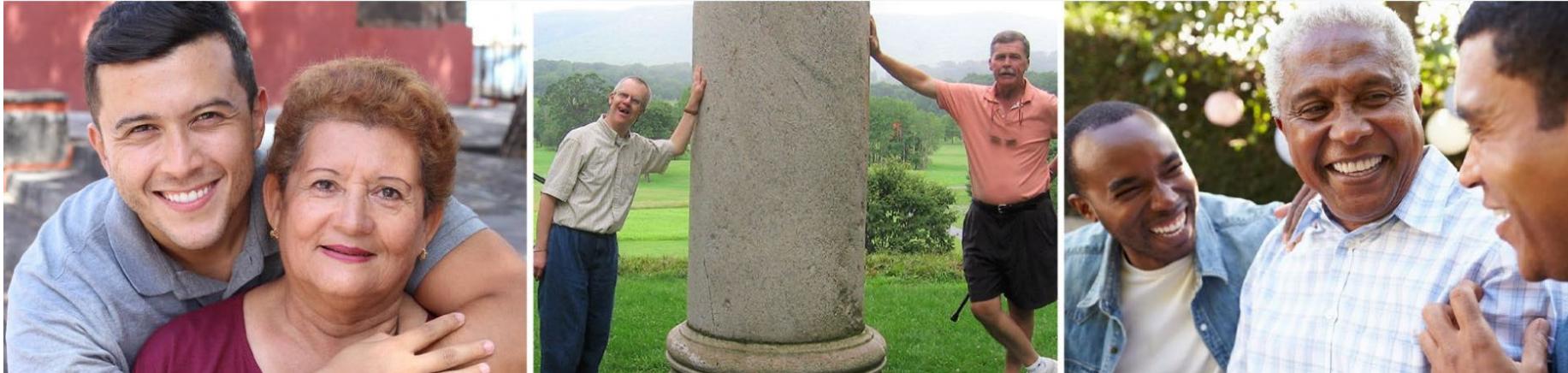


Specialized Services Designed for Underserved Populations

As of 1/05/26



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National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center

The NADRC provides expert technical assistance to AoA/ACL and its grantees, as well as making program information, program deliverables and resources available to individuals and organizations outside the Alzheimer's grantee community.

<https://nadrc.acl.gov/>

ACL State and Community Dementia Grant Sustainability



- **98% of grantees sustained all or some activities**
- **85% of sustained activities were still being delivered 1-8 years later**
- **70% of grantees expanded one or more activities**
- Most common sources of sustaining funds included: state funds, philanthropy, OAA, and organizational budgets

Lasting Impact: Sustained Activities for Administration for Community Living Dementia Grants from 2014-2024





NADRC Upcoming Webinars

Title: *Living Longer: The Increasing Need for Dementia Care and Support for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

When: **February 11, 2026**, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

This webinar will provide participants with an overview of IDD and dementia including prevalence, signs and symptoms, and assessing if a person with IDD may be developing dementia. Participants will also learn practical considerations for supporting people with IDD and dementia with an emphasis on enhancing workforce training. The webinar will also include insights into the NADRC newly released resource, *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Dementia: Practical Strategies for Professionals*.

Register here: [February 11, 2026 NADRC Webinar Registration](#)

Upcoming Topics in the 2026 NADRC Webinar Series:

- Addressing food insecurity for people living alone with dementia (March 2026)
- Addressing Cognitive Impairment and Dementia Among Homeless and Housing-Insecure Seniors (May 2026)
- Bridging Healthcare And Social Services For People Living With Dementia And Their Caregivers



2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers





Advancing State Implementation of the National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers

Purpose: Advancing State Systems

Goal: Implementing the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregiving

Objectives: Increasing awareness, knowledge, and access to information, services, and supports for caregivers and their families; breaking down silos across state governments; bolstering Older Americans Act Family Caregiver Support Programs (Title III-E and Title VI); advancing state policy, collaboration, research, and practices

Outcomes: Measurable impact of interventions; demonstrable change in state and local government alignment; replicable and scalable models, and sustainable innovations

Nine State

Grantees:

AL, CA, MA, MD, MN, MT, PA, SC, WI

Partnerships:

Developmental Disabilities; state agencies; OAA Title VI tribal organizations, advisory groups and councils; colleges and universities, governments and non-profits; aging, disability, and kinship networks.

The Lifespan Respite Care Program



THE DETAILS

- **Lifespan Respite Care Program – At a Glance**
- **Authority:** Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006 (Title XXIX, PHSA; 42 U.S.C. § 201); reauthorized 2020
- **Purpose:** Supports coordinated state systems providing planned and emergency respite care for family caregivers across the lifespan
- **Role in LTSS:** Strengthens home- and community-based long-term services and supports and promotes caregiver well-being
- **Established/Implemented:** 2006 / 2009
- **FY 2025 Funding:** \$10 million; 33 active grants
- **Eligible Grantees:** State Units on Aging, State Medicaid Agencies, and other governor-designated state agencies

AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

- Expand** respite services within states.
- Enhance coordination** of respite services.
- Facilitate access** to respite services.
- Identify and address** existing service gaps.
- Enhance the overall quality** of present respite services.

Program Website:

[Lifespan Respite Care Program | ACL
Administration for Community Living](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/aca/lifespan-respite-care-program)



Community Care Corps (C3)

- **Grantee:** Oasis Institute **Partners:** USAging, Caregiver Action Network, and Altarum
- Cooperative agreement to foster the development of innovative local programs that provide volunteer nonmedical assistance to family caregivers, older adults, and individuals with disabilities (18+), helping them maintain independence in the community.
- Awards grants to local organizations to deploy volunteers to assist with **nonmedical tasks** such as transportation, errands, companionship, and technology support. This model not only alleviates caregiver burden but also facilitates community-based living for care recipients.

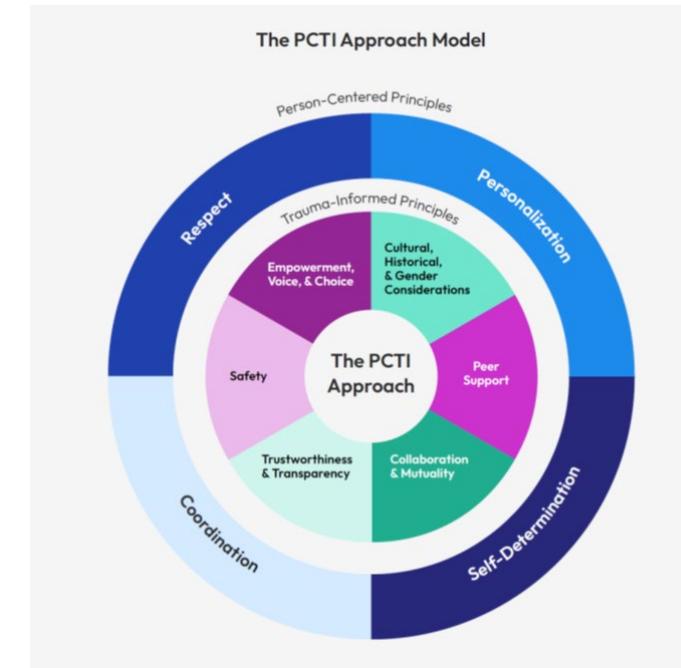
Since 2019:

- Presently in the fifth cohort of grantees.
- 1st four cohorts - 109 organizations across urban, suburban, rural, frontier, and tribal communities.
- Funding in 41 states and US territories.
- 47,252 people served by 16,281 volunteers
- 439,739 hours of service, valued at \$14.27 million.

Person-Centered Trauma-Informed (PCTI) Supportive Services for Holocaust Survivors



- Objectives:
 - Innovations in PCTI service delivery at a local level
 - Improve national capacity to deliver PCTI services and supports to Holocaust survivors, other older adults with histories of trauma, and their caregivers
- Accomplishments:
 - The [Center on Aging, Trauma, and Holocaust Survivor Care](#) operates as a national resource center providing training, technical assistance, and subawards to support the expansion of PCTI services both locally and nationally
 - Since 2015:
 - **25,000** professionals and volunteers have received PCTI training
 - **49,000** Holocaust survivors have received PCTI services
 - **23,000** other older adults with histories of trauma have received PCTI services
 - **9,000** caregivers have received PCTI support
 - **89% of PCTI service recipients reported improvements in quality of life and life satisfaction**
- Model:
 - PCTI is “a holistic model of care that promotes the health and well-being of individuals by accounting for the role of trauma across the life course and by resisting re-traumatization, while also focusing on the strength, agency, and dignity of the person receiving care”.



(Center on Aging, Trauma, and Holocaust Survivor Care, 2024)



THANK YOU!

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Update on Health Resources and Services Administration's Geriatrics Programs

Alzheimer's Council on Research Care and Services

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Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People





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Health Resources and Services Administration

Vision

Health Communities, Healthy People

Mission

Improve health outcomes through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs

Goal

Support and empower existing healthcare systems, helping communities serve their own people with long-term, cost-effective solutions



Bureau of Health Workforce: Strategies for Success



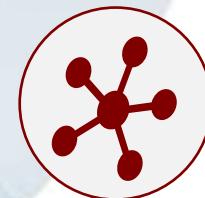
RECRUIT from the communities we serve



TRAIN in rural and underserved communities



ENHANCE training for better health outcomes



DISTRIBUTE workforce through loan and scholarship programs

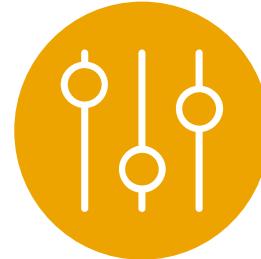


HRSA Workforce Program Aims



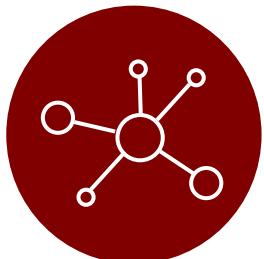
ACCESS

Make it easier for people to access health care



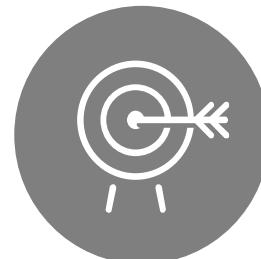
SUPPLY

Balance the supply of health workers with the demand for care



DISTRIBUTION

Improve distribution of the health workforce



QUALITY

Improve the quality of the health workforce and the care they provide



Community-Based Training



Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

Purpose:

- Educate and train the healthcare and supportive care workforces to care for older adults
- Maximize patient and family engagement
- Address care gaps
- Improve health outcomes for older adults
- Integrate geriatrics and primary care/other specialties using the Age-friendly Health Systems Framework



Program Objectives:

- Develop reciprocal partners between academia, primary care site/delivery systems and community organizations
- Transform clinical training environments into integrated geriatrics and primary care sites/delivery systems that are age-friendly and dementia friendly
- Provide interprofessional geriatrics clinical training
- Establish and/or maintain education and training programs in tribal, tribal organizations, underserved, and rural primary care sites/delivery systems
- 42 awards from FY2024-2028, up to \$1M each



Requirements Regarding Dementia Training:

- AD/ADRD and other mental health issues including delirium, anxiety, depression, substance use and opioid use disorders, and serious mental illness;
- Risk reduction for chronic disease, including dementia;
- Early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and management of dementia;
- Enrollment of older adults in clinical trials.



AD/ADRD Workforce Development Outcomes

Data from Academic Year 2021-2022 through 2023-2024:

Academic Didactic and Clinical Courses:

- 2,062 academic didactic and clinical courses on AD/ADRD
- 402,334 trainees
 - ✓ 189,326 health care professionals
 - ✓ 213,008 patients, family members, and caregivers



AD/ADRD Workforce Development Outcomes

Data from Academic Year 2021-2022 through 2023-2024:

Continuing Education Courses:

- 1,978 continuing education courses on AD/ADRD
 - ✓ 43%/805 course were approved for continuing education units
- 402,952
 - ✓ 140,327 were health care professionals
 - ✓ 262,025 were patients, families, or caregivers.



AD/ADRD Workforce Development Outcomes

Data from Academic Year 2021-2022 through 2023-2024:

Faculty Development Courses:

- 331 AD/ADRD courses were taught by individuals training to become faculty
- 23,125 individuals participated in the training
 - ✓ 10,458 were health care professionals
 - ✓ 12,667 were patients, families, or caregivers



Geriatrics Academic Career Awards (GACA) Program

Purpose:

- Support the career development of junior faculty as academic geriatricians or academic geriatrics specialists.

Objectives:

- Develop junior faculty for a career as an academic geriatrician or academic geriatrics specialist.
- Educate and train the healthcare workforce, within the context of the age-friendly health systems framework to:
 - address dementia-risk reduction,
 - dementia across the disease trajectory including training on dementia medications as they are approved for use, and
 - nursing home care.
- Fiscal Year 2025: 26 awards, \$92,274 each



Questions



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