

Wisconsin Dementia Care Specialists

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Overall Purpose

- Enhance quality of life for individuals and families
 - Opportunities for engagement
 - Support for caregivers
- Reduce dementia-related crisis events
 - Pre-crisis planning with families
 - Education for crisis responders

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- Reduce burden on systems
 - Support for early identification
 - Support for families throughout the journey
- Brain health across the lifespan
 - Partnering with schools
 - Partnering with public health

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Timeline Dementia care specialist (DCS) pilot project initiated in 2013 five aging and disability resource centers (ADRCs) Pilot expanded to 11 additional ADRCs, totaling 2014 16 ADRCs Additional DCS pilot project funded in three Wisconsin 2015 tribes to serve Native American communities 2017–2019 state budget included ongoing funding for 19 2017 DCS positions: expanded program to 24 DCS positions 2018 Five additional ADRCs were awarded DCS funding. 2019–2021 state budget included eight new positions for 2019 counties and one new position for Tribal nations. 2021–2023 state budget included funding for the program 2021 to expand statewide.

DCS Program Pillars



Three pillars create a web of support.

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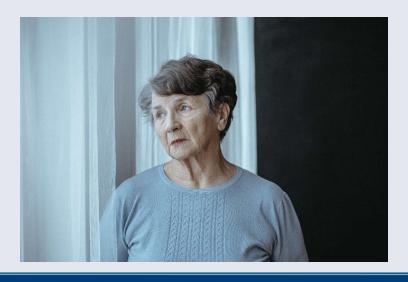
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Dementia Capability



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Dementia-Friendly Communities



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Individuals and Families



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Questions?

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