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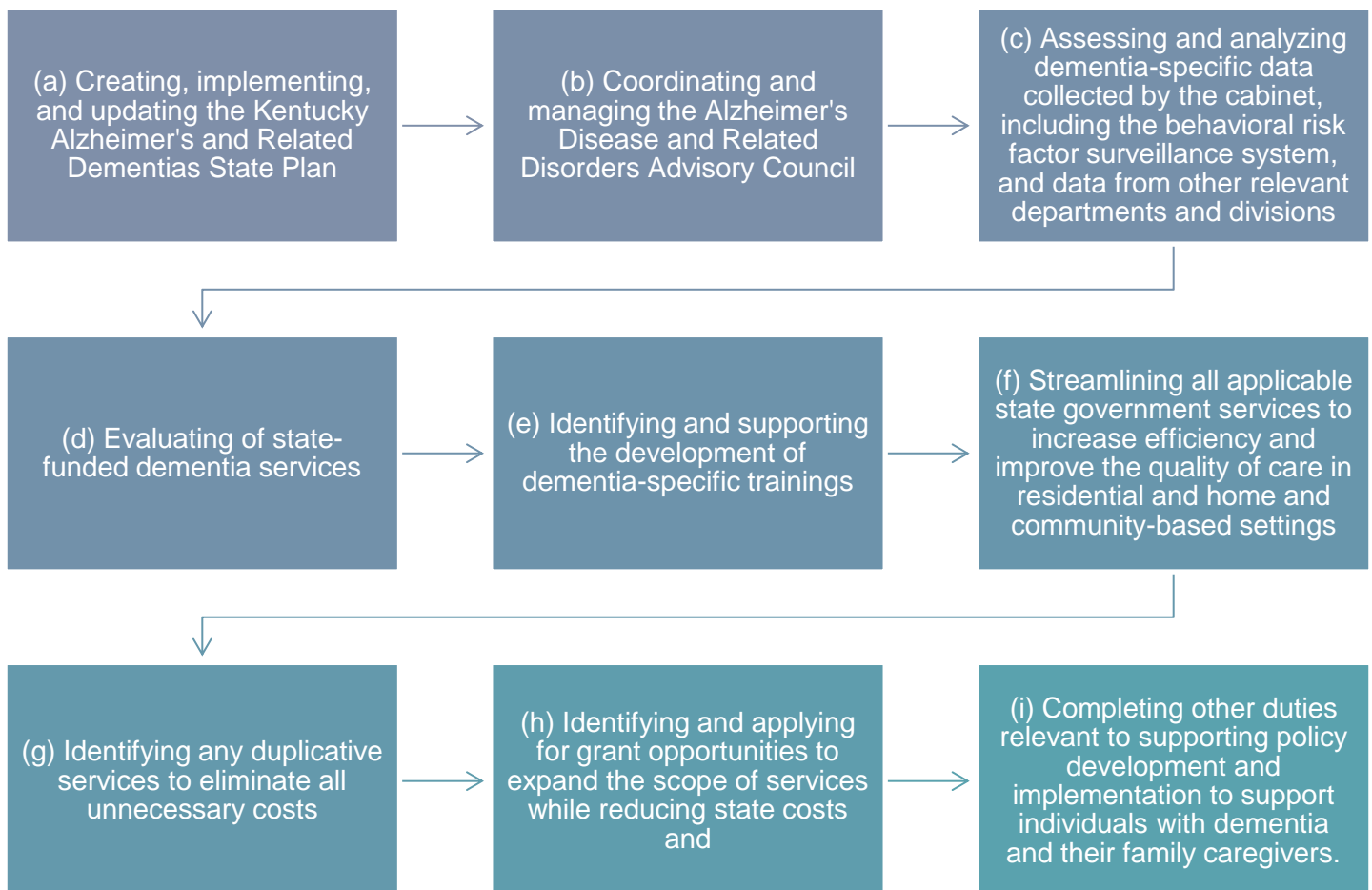
Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Department for Aging and Independent Living

The Office of Dementia Services

The Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) established the Office of Dementia Services (ODS) after Governor Beshear's signature on SB 74 from the 2021 regular legislative session. KRS 194A.601 sets the purpose, duties, and the director's responsibilities for the Office of Dementia Services. The updates also amended KRS 194A.600-603 pertaining to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council and instituted changes to the membership and duties of the council.

The Office of Dementia Services Coordinator, Jennifer Craig, assumed the newly established position on October 1, 2021. Although funds were not allocated in SB 74 for the coordinator position, DAIL identified and secured funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to temporarily fund the administration portion of the Office. In addition to ARPA funding, DAIL was awarded an Alzheimer's Disease Program Initiative (ADPI) grant funded by the Administration on Community Living (ACL) to support caregivers and provide minimal administrative funds for this position.

Office of Dementia Services duties as outlined in KRS 194A.601



2022 Office of Dementia Services Update At A Glance

(a) Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan - Page 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Office of Dementia Services (ODS), the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Advisory Council, and the Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementia's Collaborative workgroups continue working to evaluate and promote the current status, urgency, and the continuing need for dementia policies and programs identified in Kentucky's 2017 dementia state plan.
(b) Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council - Page 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The ODS has continued promoting the ADRD Advisory Council by appointing new council members to positions created by the updated KRS 194A.603 regulation. •Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (KARD) Collaborative is a statewide network of stakeholders created and facilitated by the ODS. KARD is comprised of seven workgroups that work in conjunction with the ADRD Advisory Council to continue the progress of the goals and objectives included within the Kentucky Dementia State Plan.
(c) Assessing & Analyzing Dementia-Specific Data - Page 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The ODS analyzes and assesses data from various entities, including national providers, the Department for Medicaid Services, and the Department for Public Health.
(d) State-funded Dementia Services - Page 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •State general funds were not allocated in 2022 to fund the Office of Dementia Services or any other dementia programs and services.
(e) Supporting the Development of Dementia-Specific Trainings - Page 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The ODS has identified and implemented four dementia training programs that allow caregivers and professionals to increase their knowledge and practice compassionate person-centered care. •The ODS created and continues to update a list of pre-approved dementia training courses that are utilized by community providers, universities, and caregivers.
(f) Improve the Quality of Care in Residential and Home & Community-Based Settings - Page 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ODS has been designated to review and approve all provider agencies' dementia training curricula based on 910 KAR 4:010. Per 906 KAR 1:180 and 902 KAR 20:081, facilities and programs must ensure that all direct care staff receive at least six (6) hours of cabinet-approved training within the first sixty (60) days of employment and a minimum of three (3) additional hours. •In FY23-24, the Office has included a dementia training requirement within the service contracts for each of Kentucky's fifteen (15) Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living Title III providers.
(g) Identifying any duplicative services to eliminate all unnecessary costs - Page 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ODS continues to review and identify duplicative services and has not identified any services to date.
(h) Identify & Apply for grant opportunities - Page 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The ODS is collaborating with the KY Department for Public Health (DPH) to apply for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Core Capacity grant to be submitted in February 2023. •Implementation for a three year, one-million-dollar Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) grant through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) was granted by ACL on April 29, 2022, and is currently being delivered by four partnering Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL).
(i) Supporting Policy Development & Implementation to Support People with Dementia and Caregivers. - Page 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Office of Dementia Services has been a guest speaker at conferences, events, and training regionally and throughout the Commonwealth. The presentations update the audience about the Office's history and importance and the goals and objectives outlined in the Kentucky Dementia State Plan. •Six ODS presentations have been conducted across the state, along with one regional presentation.

(a) Creating, Implementing, And Updating the Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan

In 2008, Senate Joint Resolution 6 (SJR 6 Appendix B) directed the then Office on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council to assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on Kentuckians and State systems, programs, and services. In turn, *"Setting a Roadmap to Address Alzheimer's in the Commonwealth: A Report on the Assessment of the Current and Anticipated Future Impact of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias on Kentuckians with Recommendations for Actions"* was produced. This report detailed findings of the assessment, issues and challenges, corresponding recommendations, and strategies to implement change. In years since, shifting demographics, healthcare reforms, and evolving services, among other factors, have changed the face of Alzheimer's disease and its associated challenges in Kentucky.

Throughout 2022, the Office of Dementia Services, the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council, and the Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementia's Collaborative workgroups have worked to evaluate the status, urgency, and the continuing need for dementia policies and programs identified in the 2017 state plan update.

2017 Recommendations	2022 Update
<p>Revise KRS 194A.601 to make the Office a viable, fully funded, and staffed entity within the Department for Aging and Independent Living, working in conjunction with the council.</p>	<p>In 2021 the Office of Dementia Services was established under SB 74 (KRS 194A.601). The Office of Dementia Services Coordinator position was created without funding and is funded through 2024 with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and an Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The first Office of Dementia Services Coordinator assumed the designated roles and responsibilities on October 1, 2021.</p> <p>Advocates will again support funding for this position as a line item in future state budgets. The Office will continue researching and applying for continued grant funding to help finance the Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recommendation was assigned to the KARD Policy workgroup in July 2022 to continue to identify strategies and approaches.
<p>Increase and improve support for family caregivers.</p>	<p>The Office of Dementia Services received an Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) grant designed to support and promote the development and expansion of dementia-capable home and community-based services. This grant has created an opportunity for people with dementia and their caregivers to get financial assistance and training while applying for a Medicaid Waiver. Currently, this program is being implemented in 37 of Kentucky's 120 counties.</p> <p>The Office of Dementia Services has also established various training opportunities for paid and unpaid caregivers caring for people with dementia to educate them on the disease, how to address behavioral issues and concerns and how to assist with activities of daily living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recommendation was assigned to several KARD workgroups in July 2022, including Policy and Service Delivery, that will identify strategies and approaches to support caregivers.

<p>Monitor a statewide data collection system.</p>	<p>The Office of Dementia Services works with the Department of Medicaid Services and the Department for Public Health, and statewide researchers to collect and analyze dementia data. In September of 2022, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) report was released, analyzing 2021 caregiver data. The information retrieved from Kentucky caregivers will help identify current and future needs and better understand how to create support services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation was assigned to the KARD Data & Research workgroup in July 2022 to continue to identify strategies and approaches.
<p>Promote policies and procedures that effectively incorporate proven practices related to dementia-specific training, service, and program activities for service providers and stakeholders.</p>	<p>In 2021 Senate Bill 61 established training requirements for all direct care staff workers in both Home Health Agencies and Personal Service Agencies. 910 KAR 4 010 designated the Office of Dementia Services to review and approve all provider agencies' dementia training curricula based on 906 KAR 1 1:108 and 902 KAR 20:081. These two regulations now require that facilities and programs must ensure that all direct care staff receive at least six (6) hours of cabinet-approved training within the first sixty (60) days of employment and a minimum of three (3) additional hours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recommendation was assigned to several KARD workgroups, including the Health & Insurance, Workforce Development, and Service Delivery workgroups, in July 2022 to continue to identify strategies and approaches.
<p>Establish state protocol on appropriate interfaces and choices for Individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their families</p>	<p>Kentucky currently utilizes the fifteen (15) local Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) within the Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Livings to provide information and choices. These resource centers offer unbiased, reliable information and counseling to persons with dementia and their caregivers regardless of income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recommendation was assigned to several KARD workgroups, including Healthcare & Insurance and Service Delivery, in July 2022 to continue to identify strategies and approaches.
<p>Explore options to increase insurance coverage for individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias.</p>	<p>There are several insurance opportunities for people with dementia in the state. In 2021 kynect, the state-based healthcare exchange, was reopened to provide easier access to health coverage and other benefits. The Home and Community Based (HCB) waiver is also available to assist the elderly to help them live in the community as independently as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recommendation was assigned to the KARD Healthcare & Insurance workgroup in July 2022 to continue to identify strategies and approaches.
<p>Enhance state policies and procedures to provide additional support to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementia.</p>	<p>Currently several options available to ensure the health and safety of an individual with dementia. The Golden Alert is administered by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) and is a communication network that alerts the community of missing individuals. The Alzheimer's Association provides a 24/7 nationwide emergency response system for the individual. Additional options are needed to ensure safety and response to dementia-specific emergencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recommendation was assigned to several KARD workgroups, including Public Safety, Healthcare & Insurance, and Service Delivery, in July 2022 to continue to identify strategies and approaches.

(b) Coordinating and Managing the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council, established in 2000, was updated in 2021 under KRS 194A.603. The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council reviews and provides recommendations regarding progress toward the goals of the state plan and on progress with implementing resources and services to serve individuals with dementia and related diseases across Kentucky in the future.

The council is comprised of fifteen (15) appointed members serving a two (2) year term. Six (6) ex-officio members are on the council, including the secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, commissioners for the Department for Aging and Independent Living, Public Health, Medicaid Services, the State Long-Term Care ombudsman, and the Area Agencies on Aging or their designees. The remaining nine (9) governor appointed members include professionals and caregivers representing and advocating for the Alzheimer's and dementia community.

2022 Alzheimer's and Other Related Disorders Advisory Council Update

In 2022 the Office of Dementia Services has continued promoting the advisory council and appointing new council members to positions created by the updated KRS 194A.603 regulation. The advisory council has continued to meet quarterly, conducting five (5) successful and informative council meetings in 2022.

The advisory council meetings encourage community participation and outreach, working as an outlet for dementia partners across the state to share dementia-specific data, programs, and resources. This year's presenters include the University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and Dementia Friendly Lexington.

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 • Department for Aging and Independent Living

Sarojini Kanotra
 • Department for Public Health

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 • Department for Medicaid Services

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 • State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Celeste Robinson
 • Kentucky Association for Area Agencies on Aging

Larry Brown
 • Family Caregiver

Jim Patton
 • Christian Care Communiites

Kelly Upchurch
 • Horizon Adult Health Care

Pending
 • Homecare provider

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 • Physician Orngaization

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 • Nursing Organization

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 • Alzheimer's Disease Researcher

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 • advocacy organization for individuals living with ADRD or their caregivers

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 • advocacy organization for aged 50+

(b) Coordinating And Managing the Alzheimer's Disease And Related Disorders Advisory Council

Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Collaborative (KARD)

The Office of Dementia Services established the Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Collaborative (KARD) to work jointly with the members of the ADRD Advisory Council.

The Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias (KARD) Collaborative is a statewide network of professionals, agencies, nonprofits, businesses, people living with dementia, their care partners, advocates, and members of the Alzheimer's and Other Related Dementias Advisory Council who are passionate and dedicated to making a difference in what Kentucky is doing in the field of Alzheimer's and dementia.

The Collaborative is comprised of seven workgroups that meet monthly to continue the progress of the goals and objectives included within the Kentucky Dementia State Plan. The KARD workgroups and advisory council continue to evaluate the status, urgency, and continuing need for dementia policies, programs, and supports outlined in the 2017 state plan. Anyone interested in being on a KARD workgroup can contact the Office of Dementia Services for more information or find the KARD interest form on the Office of Dementia Services website.



KARD Collaborators

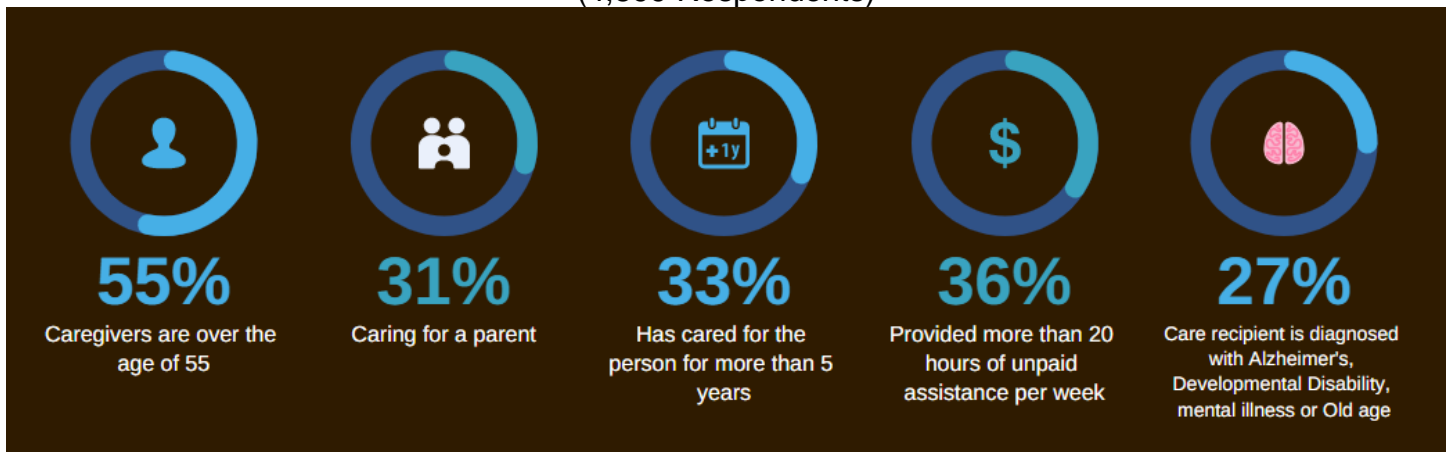
- University of Louisville Trager Institute
- Norton Neuroscience Institute Memory Care Center
- University of Louisville Public Health & Medicine
- University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center for Aging
- Department for Public Health
- Bluegrass Care Navigators
- Alzheimer's Association
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Office of Data Analytics
- Adult Day Health Centers
- Audubon Area Community Services AmeriCorps Seniors
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Louisville Metro Office for Aging & Disabled Citizens
- Department for Medicaid Services
- Community Members
- People with Dementia
- Caregivers

(c) Assessing And Analyzing Dementia-Specific Data Collected

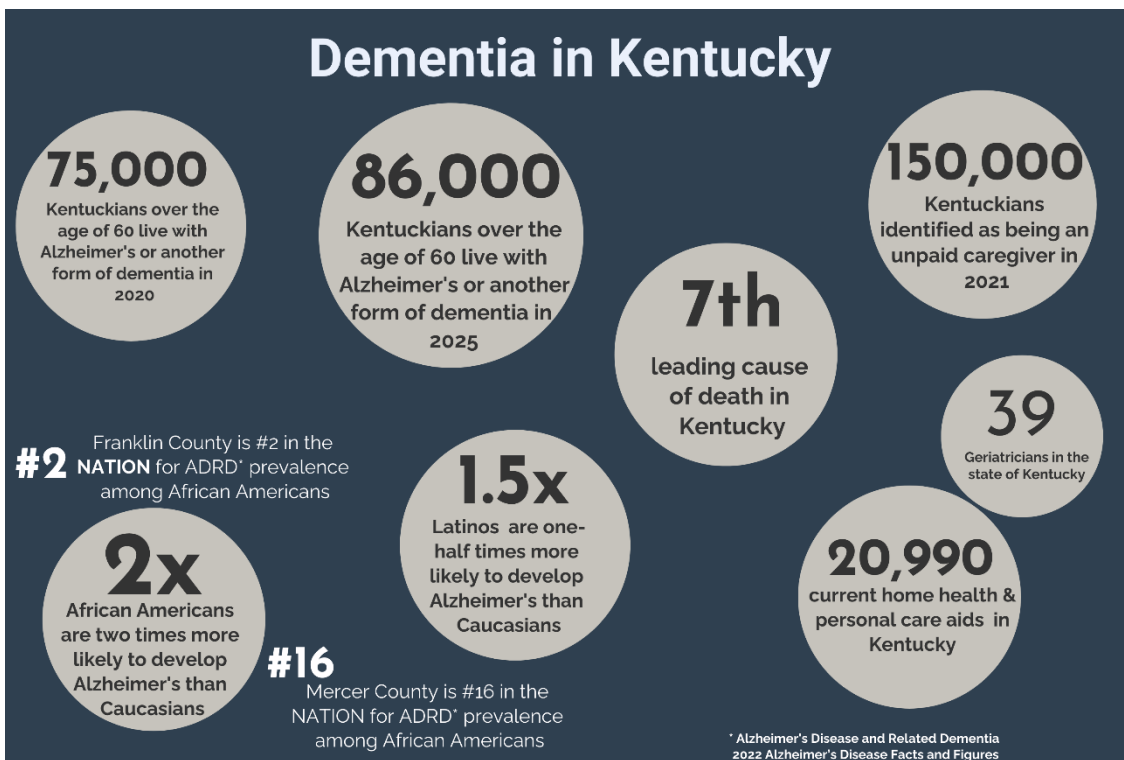
The ODS analyzes and assesses data from various entities, including national providers, the Department for Medicaid Services, and the Department for Public Health.

The Office of Dementia Services utilizes data analyzed by the Kentucky Department for Public Health Division of Prevention and Quality Improvement. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a telephone health survey co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kentucky Department for Public Health. The cognitive module was included in 2020, and the caregiver module was included in 2021. These two modules produce information specific to the cognitive impairment of Kentuckians. The data is essential in developing appropriate strategies and policies to assure the health and well-being of caregivers.

2021 Kentucky Caregiver's (4,899 Respondents)



Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Kentucky Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (KyBRFS) Data. Frankfort, Kentucky: Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Kentucky Department for Public Health, [2021 data]



(d) Evaluating Of State-Funded Dementia Services

State general funds were not allocated in the 2022 biennial budget to fund the Office of Dementia Services.

(e) Identifying And Supporting The Development Of Dementia-Specific Trainings

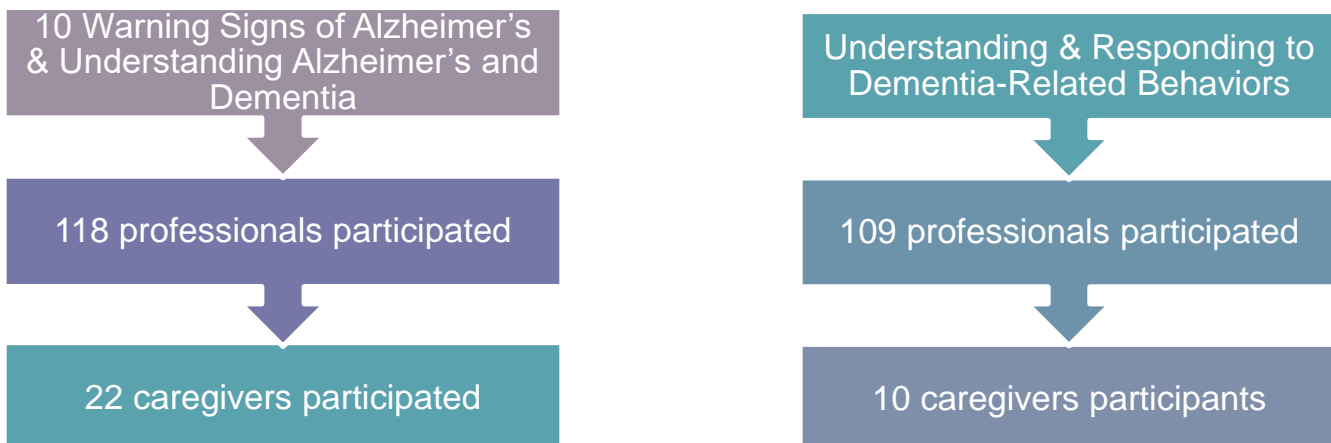
The Office of Dementia Services understands the importance of a paid or unpaid caregiver having the training and education to provide dementia-specific care. Caregivers for people with dementia have often reported needing emotional and social support, coping strategies, better information about the illness, and the availability of community support services. Accessibility and knowledge of dementia-specific caregiver training are beneficial to support the continued success of the caregiver and the people with dementia promoting choice and allowing for aging in place. The ODS has identified several ways for training to be more accessible to individuals and caregivers starting or continuing their caregiver journey.

Dementia has physical, psychological, social and economic impacts, not only for people living with dementia, but also for their carers, families and society at large.

Dementia Education Webinars

The Office of Dementia Services and the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Kentuckiana have partnered to host a five-part Dementia Education Series of webinars. These webinars are designed for professionals, caregivers, and people with dementia. The success of the webinars is growing, and it has already trained 259 Kentuckians during the first two events. Topics of the training were suggested by dementia caregivers and included:

1. 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia- June 20, 2022
2. Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors – September 20, 2022
3. Effective Communication Strategies – December 20, 2022
4. Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctors Visits, Legal & Financial Planning – March 20, 2023
5. Managing Money: A Caregivers Guide to Finances – June 20, 2023



(e) Identifying And Supporting The Development Of Dementia-Specific Trainings

Dealing with Dementia

The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) trained and certified the Office of Dementia Services Coordinator Jennifer Craig to conduct their evidence-informed caregiver training workshop across the Commonwealth entitled "Dealing with Dementia." This workshop recognizes caregivers as the backbone of community-based services providing millions of dollars of unpaid care across Kentucky, often without dementia-specific training and education about the disease. The Dealing with Dementia workshop aims for Alzheimer's and dementia family caregivers to better understand dementia, utilize strategies to manage behaviors effectively, and develop stress management and self-care habits.

Topics Include:

Understanding Dementia

Caregiving Tips

Understanding and communicating during behavioral issues

Taking better care of the caregiver

A Dealing with Dementia workshop is provided annually to the four Area Agency on Aging, and Independent Living (AAAIL) communities participating in the Bridging the Gap program (see page 13 for program details) and be available upon request for other AAAILs, faith-based organizations, and community or senior centers.

The first Dealing with Dementia workshop is scheduled for the KIPDA region in January of 2023 and will be provided in the four (4) Bridging the Gap provider regions throughout 2023.

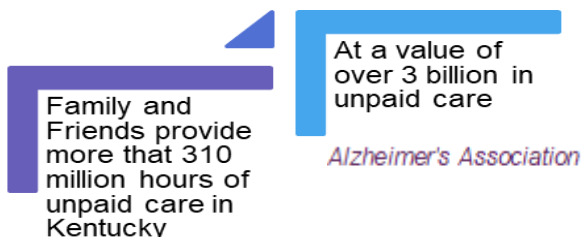
Alzheimer's Foundation of America Virtual Reality Experience

The Office of Dementia Services is also leaping into virtual reality with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's Virtual Dementia Experience. This outreach and training tool provides a state-of-the-art learning opportunity using the latest technology. During a three-minute experience, participants momentarily step into a unique experience of living with Alzheimer's, understanding firsthand what it is like to have symptoms of this deadly disease.



Using Virtual Reality technology, participants experience a three-dimensional, 360-degree view with sound and enter the world of "Harry," who is living with Alzheimer's, to see how he experiences various common symptoms associated with the disease.

The experience is an educational outreach tool, unlike other training courses or dementia experiences. Available upon request, this training can be conducted in one-on-one or small group settings and followed by instructor-led conversations.



(e) Identifying And Supporting The Development Of Dementia-Specific Trainings

Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's' Caregivers Health (REACH) Community

REACH Community is a national program for caregivers of people with dementia. REACH Community is an individual behavioral intervention based on more than 20 years of research funded by the National Institute of Health and the Department of Veteran Affairs. The purpose of the REACH program is to help caregivers with their current caregiving situations in ways that will make a positive difference for them and their loved ones.

The Office of Dementia Services has worked with the University of Tennessee Health Science Centers Caregiver Center to certify nine (9) coaches to train and assist caregivers across the commonwealth. REACH Community is available to all dementia caregivers across the state and is a requirement for caregivers enrolled in the Bridging the Gap program.

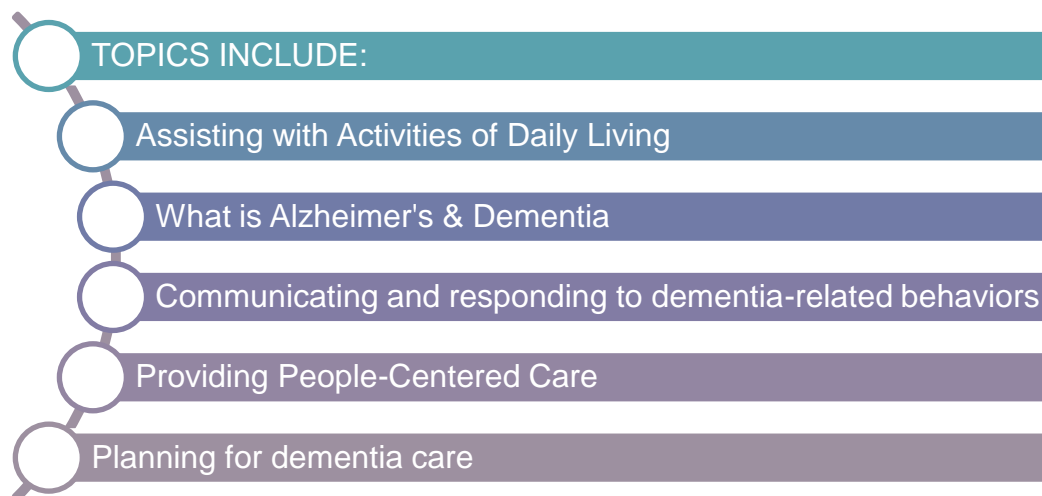


REACH Community coaches have been qualified to assess, identify, and problem-solve with caregivers to create interventions and build skills to help caregivers decrease depression, anxiety, and burden to improve social support for the family and manage care receiver behaviors.



Dementia Training Resources List

The Office of Dementia Services has created a comprehensive resources list of Dementia specific training programs. These topics have been identified by professional and family caregivers as essential to providing care to someone in the various stages of dementia. The list is available upon request or can be found on the Office of Dementia Services website.



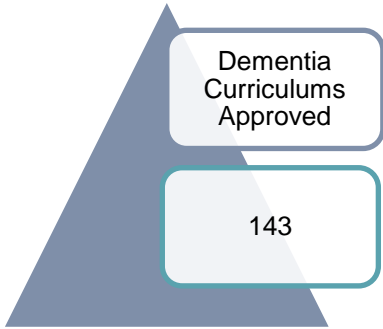
(f) Streamlining All Applicable State Government Services To Increase Efficiency And Improve The Quality Of Care In Residential And Home And Community-Based Settings

Office of Dementia Services Dementia Curriculum Approval

The Office of Dementia Services in the Department for Aging and Independent Living has been designated to review and approve all provider agencies' dementia training curricula based on 910 KAR 4:010. In March of 2021, Governor Beshear signed Senate Bill 61, setting the minimum training requirements for direct care staff employed by facilities or programs regulated by the cabinet that provide services to individuals who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in the populations they serve.

Per 906 KAR 1:180 and 902 KAR 20:081, facilities and programs must ensure that all direct care staff receive at least six (6) hours of cabinet-approved training within the first sixty (60) days of employment and a minimum of three (3) additional hours. This training is mandatory for all direct care staff whose

work involves extensive contact with individuals who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The initial training curriculum shall include but is not limited to the following topics:



- ✓ Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
- ✓ Person-Centered Care
- ✓ Assessment & Care Planning
- ✓ Activities of Daily Living
- ✓ Dementia-Related Behaviors and Communications

Kentucky's Older Americans Act Providers

Title III of the Older Americans Act provides supportive services, legal assistance, congregate and home-delivered meals, health promotion, and caregiving services to assist citizens aged 60 or older. These program providers often work with people with dementia or individuals showing warning signs of Alzheimer's or dementia.

Starting in FY23-24, the Office of Dementia Services has included within the service contracts for each of Kentucky's fifteen (15) Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living a dementia training requirement. Each Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) Title III provider must provide documentation that all agency staff who interact with citizens have received training from the Office of Dementia Services. In FY2022, over 30,000 Kentuckians received Title III Services.

Barren River	Big Sandy	Bluegrass
Buffalo Trace	Cumberland Valley	FICVO
Gateway	Green River	KIPDA
Kentucky River	Lake Cumberland	Lincoln Trail
Northern Kentucky	Pennyrile	Purchase

(g) Identifying Any Duplicative Services To Eliminate All Unnecessary Costs

The ODS is collaborating with the Department for Public Health to apply for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Core Capacity grant. The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act aims to build, sustain, and grow public health capacity to address Alzheimer's, dementia, cognitive health, and dementia caregiving across the country. BOLD activities align with recommended actions in the *Healthy Brain Initiative's State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map*. This funding will promote a strong public health approach to Alzheimer's and all dementias and focus on implementing HBI Road Map actions that promote risk reduction, early diagnosis, management of comorbidities, and reducing avoidable hospitalizations.

(h) Identifying And Applying For Grant Opportunities To Expand The Scope Of Services While Reducing State Costs

Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) Grant

In July of 2021, the Office of Dementia Services received a three (3) year, one-million-dollar Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI) grant through the Administration for Community Living (ACL). This funding supports and promotes the development and expansion of Kentucky's dementia-capable home and community-based service (HCBS) systems.

The ADPI grant funding established an opportunity to bridge the gap between the time someone applies for a Medicaid Waiver and the time it takes for the application to be processed and receive services. The Bridging the Gap program provides financial and respite services while the Medicaid application is processed in four (4) of Kentucky's fifteen (15) Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living regions. This program helps the participant facilitate the challenging world of applying for a Medicaid waiver and supports financially during the gap between application initiation and being approved for services. In addition to financial assistance, dementia-specific training and education will be provided to caregivers, specifically related to individuals' challenges while caring for someone with dementia.

Bridging the Gap Update

Implementation for the program was granted by ACL on April 29, 2022, and is currently being delivered in 37 of the 120 counties in Kentucky and by four (4) partnering Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL). The program focuses on providing financial support to individuals with a dementia diagnosis who are also presumptively eligible for the services through the Home and Community-Based Medicaid waiver. While the application is being processed, the participant can receive temporary financial support to pay for community services, including adult day care, attendant care, and caregiver respite. These supports are commonly needed but can take several months to obtain through the waiver program.

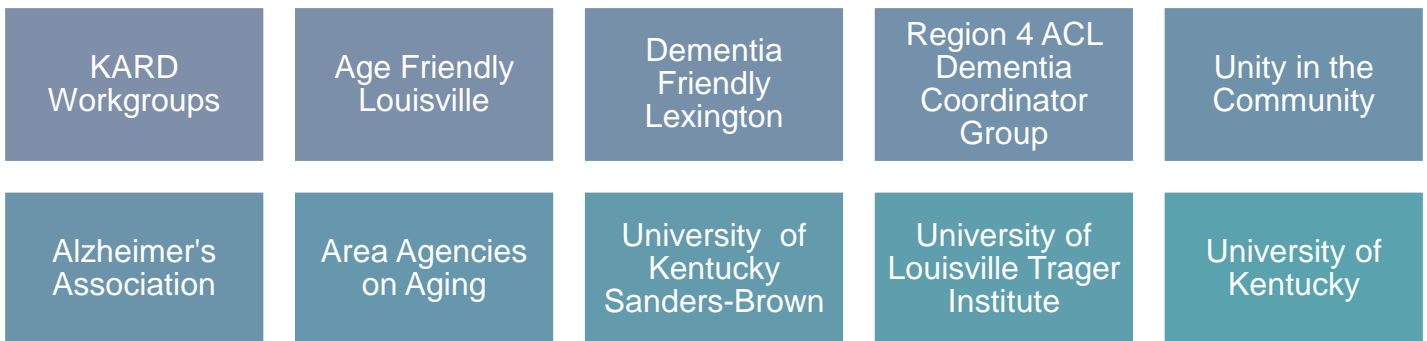


Bridging the Gap provides support and services for Kentucky caregivers who often provide daily care to people with dementia, including assisting with bathing, cleaning, transportation, and managing finances. These caregivers are frequently under-trained and unprepared to provide the proper care to someone with a dementia diagnosis. While enrolled, caregivers are provided financial assistance to utilize respite services and the opportunity to participate in REACH Community and Dealing with Dementia evidence-based training that helps the caregiver understand and address the challenges in behaviors, proper communication strategies, and managing stress and depression.

(i) Completing Other Duties Relevant To Supporting Policy Development And Implementation To Support Individuals With Dementia And Their Family

Collaborations & Partnerships

The Office of Dementia Services has worked diligently throughout the year to educate and promote the commonwealth's recently formed Office dedicated to addressing Kentucky's 7th leading cause of death. The year has been spent meeting and collaborating with community initiatives, national and regional organizations, and universities across Kentucky. Collaboration and strategic partnership allow organizations to combine their strengths, resources, perspective, and knowledge to build the fundamental infrastructure to improve the lives of people with dementia and their caregivers.



Office Of Dementia Services Presentations

The Office of Dementia Services has been a guest speaker at conferences, events, and trainings regionally and throughout the Commonwealth. The presentations update the audience about the Office's history and importance and the goals and objectives outlined in the Kentucky Dementia State Plan.



- KIPDA Aging & Disability Advisory Council
- Lake Cumberland Aging & Disability Advisory Council
- Barren River Aging & Disability Advisory Council
- Southeast Area Association on Aging (SE4A) Continuing Education Series
- 2022 Community Action Agency Conference
- 2022 Optimal Aging Conference
- 2022 Kentucky Association of Adult Day Centers Conference