



Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program

BACKGROUND

Congress created the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) in 1992 to encourage States to:

- Develop models of assistance for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) and their family caregivers.
- Encourage close coordination and incorporation of ADRD services into the broader home and community-based care system.

In 1998, Congress transferred the administration of the program to the Administration on Aging/Administration for Community Living (AoA/ACL) in an effort to ensure coordination with other programs for older Americans.

There is no cure for ADRD; however, there are effective strategies to help maintain cognitive function, reduce behavioral symptoms, prevent acute care crises, and delay functional decline as well as nursing home placement.

An estimated 5.3 million individuals in the United States are living with Alzheimer's disease. Because of the increasing number of people age 65 and older in the United States, the annual number of new cases of Alzheimer's and related dementias (ADRD) is projected to double by 2050.

PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of the ADSSP is to support state efforts to expand the availability of community-level supportive services for persons with

ADRD and their caregivers. The program focuses on serving hard-to-reach and underserved persons with ADRD and their family caregivers.

TYPES OF GRANTS

Between 2008 and 2017, AoA/ACL funded 108 ADSSP projects across the nation. These awards continue to advance the ADSSP mission by supporting the development of coordinated supportive services for persons with ADRD and their family caregivers.

The ADSSP program has evolved over the years, moving from innovative practices and evidence-based interventions to the current focus on building dementia capability within state systems. Systems Integration grants seek to ensure access to a sustainable, integrated long-term services and supports system that is capable of meeting the needs of persons with dementia and their caregivers to remain independent and healthy in the community.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The AoA/ACL funds the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) to provide technical assistance to AoA/ACL as well as past, present and future grants. The Resource Center staff provide individualized technical assistance, reports and other resources as well as educational webinars on issues related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia. In addition, the Resource Center hosts learning collaborative groups where grantees and their community partners meet in topic specific groups, develop useful related resources, and



engage in peer support and collaboration.

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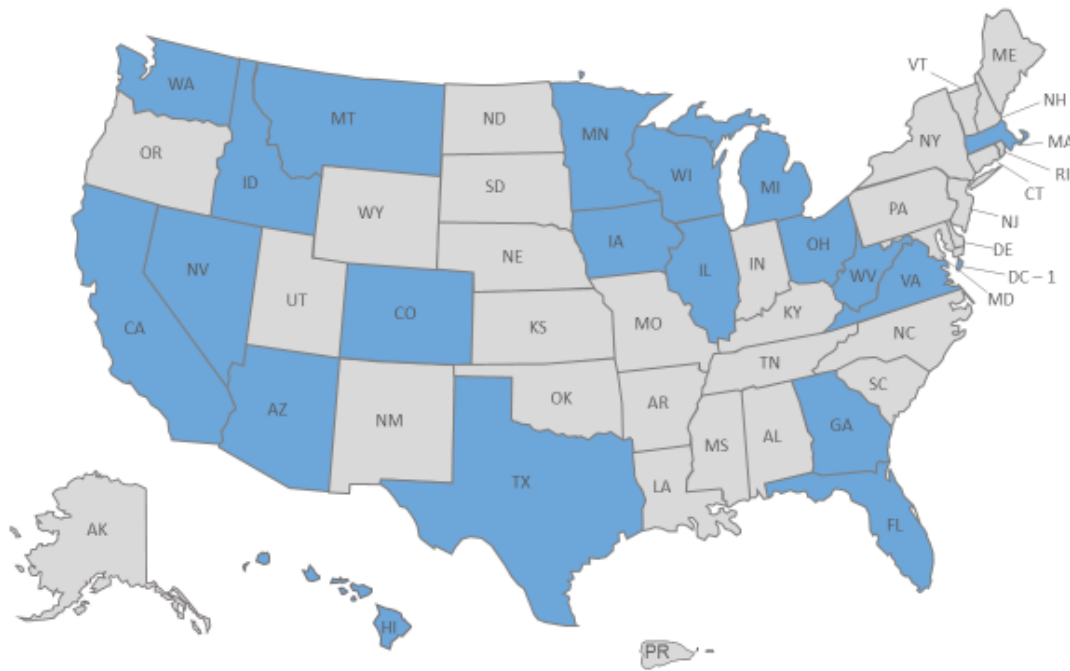
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information and for current ADSSP funding opportunities, please visit <http://www.aoa.acl.gov> or contact Erin Long at erin.long@acl.hhs.gov

States with Active ADSSP Grants



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