

Legislative Committee on Aging

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Alzheimer's Disease: State vs. Nation

Texas

- Approximately 380,000 individuals with Alzheimer's disease (AD) living in Texas
 - 4th highest number nationally (California, Florida, and New York rank higher)
 - By 2025, Texas is anticipated to have a 28.9% increase to 490,000
- Close to 59,000 individuals with AD living in nursing facilities (NFs)

Nationally

- 5.7 million Americans of all ages living with AD in 2018
 - 4% under 65
 - 16% between the ages of 65-74
 - 44% between the ages of 75-84
 - 37% 85 and older



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Programs Offered by HHSC

Office of the Quality Monitoring Program

- Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Training
- Virtual Dementia Tours
- Person-Centered Thinking Training
- Vocational Nurse Educator/New LVN Tool-kit
- Texas OASIS: Dementia Care Training
- A Snapshot on Aging and Dementia
- Geriatric Symposium
- Center for Excellence in Long Term Care
- Music and Memory

Medicaid Programs

- Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Programs



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Aging Texas Well (ATW) Initiative

- Established to identify and help meet the needs of the increasing older adult population and prepare Texas communities and residents for their needs.
- With the support of the ATW advisory committee, ATW develops a biennial plan to identify and discuss aging policy issues, guide state government readiness, and promote increased community preparedness for an aging Texas.
- Sixteen key issue areas in the initiative are used to coordinate the ATW plan, focus research, and develop resources for the target populations. Mental health is one of the ATW issue areas.
- Example effort: *Dementia Friendly Ft. Worth*



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HHSC Long-Term Care Regulatory Licensure

Alzheimer's Certification

- All nursing facilities and Type B Assisted Living Facilities may seek this certification
- Must comply with:
 - all state licensure rules;
 - federal certification requirements, if applicable; and
 - requirements specific to the Alzheimer's certification.
- Strict advertising rules for facilities that are not Alzheimer's certified



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Thank you
