

SECTION THREE

Alzheimer's Disease

Section 3 includes fact sheets and one-page snapshots of key issues focusing specifically on Alzheimer's disease to be used in any of your current health outreach campaigns and community events. While Alzheimer's disease has been traditionally seen as an aging issue, it is actually a population health issue. Public health actions related to this disease align with the existing essential services of public health. This section features key Tennessee Alzheimer's statistics as well information pertaining to minorities, such as African-Americans and Hispanics being at a higher risk to develop Alzheimer's and other dementias.

We also highlight available community-based resources offering support and services to those diagnosed with and individuals caring for those with Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer's Association can provide educational presentations upon request (ex: local health councils, on-site employee wellness events, etc,) related to cognitive health decline, supporting caregivers, and to raise public awareness of the importance of early detection and diagnosis. We hope this toolkit assists you in building strong partnerships with community stakeholders focused on the health and welfare of aging Tennesseans.