



**TENNESSEE
DEMENTIA
ACTION
COLLABORATIVE
(TDAC)**



Mission

Implement strategies and actions that support Tennesseans with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) and their caregivers and prevent the occurrence of the disease.

Goals

- Establish a workgroup to carry out goals and address the community needs set forth by the local, state and federal guidance.
- Compile a list of services and programs that currently focus on cognitive decline prevention and support of those with ADRD and their caregivers.
- Develop yearly status updates that highlights action, progress, and gaps to inform the public and help guide Tennessee Dementia Action Collaborative (TDAC) efforts.



Overview

The formation of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) Council was established in statute (T.C.A. § 71-2-117) under authority given to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability. As required by statute, the ADRD Council developed state guidance, an ADRD State Plan, that outlines goals and recommendations for state action related to dementia risk reduction, access for services, data for action, and caregiver health and supports.

Aligning with and expanding upon this state guidance, the Tennessee Department of Health is leading the establishment of the Tennessee Dementia Action Collaborative (TDAC) workgroup, a group of state, local, and community partners dedicated to carrying out goals and addressing the community needs set forth by local, state and federal guidance. The TDAC workgroup is created solely by TDH and will function independently of the council with the following goals:

- To establish subgroups that utilize local, state, and federal guidance to move dementia efforts forward in Tennessee.
- To form and sustain a network of public and private partners to leverage resources and promote progress related to the needs of the community regarding dementia services.
- To develop yearly status updates highlighting progress and resource gaps to address community needs.

The structure offered in this document are non-binding and serve as guidance for the development of the TDAC. TDAC members may choose to review the guidance document bi-annually to ensure that the guidance best meets the needs of the TDAC members.



Organizational Structure

TDAC

The TDAC is responsible for driving efforts in Tennessee related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias risk reduction, education, service coordination, and caregiving. The TDAC will develop yearly status updates and will establish an action plan comprised of workgroup priorities. The TDAC will meet once a quarter, at minimum, to share opportunities for collaboration and update on workgroup progress.

TDAC SUBGROUPS

The TDAC workgroup will form five subgroups the first year, each focusing on one identified local, state, or federal goal. The TDAC may choose to form additional subgroups in future years. In year one, the subgroups will consist of the following:

- Dementia Education and Awareness Workgroup
- Dementia Caregivers Workgroup
- Dementia Workforce Workgroup
- Research, Data Evaluation, and Surveillance Workgroup
- Dementia Policies and Partnership Workgroup

Membership in each subgroup should consist of TDAC workgroup members that are best positioned to provide subject matter expertise for group efforts and activities. Each subgroup should establish strategies, action plans, and evaluation measures to best support their specific state goal.



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TDAC WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP

TDAC workgroup members will consist of a variety of stakeholders that serve or interact with an aging population and those that work with those with dementia directly or indirectly. ADRD Advisory Council members are prohibited from serving on the TDAC to ensure there are no conflicts of interests. TDH will establish workgroup membership and encourages representation from the following organizations or industries:

- Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability;
- Bureau of TennCare;
- Long-term Care;
- Area Agency on Aging and Disability;
- Home Health;
- Alzheimer's Association Tennessee Chapter;
- Alzheimer's Tennessee;
- Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- Tennessee Department of Human Resources;
- Tennessee Department of Mental Health;
- Academia ; and,
- Other community partners and stakeholders that interact with the aging population.



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TRACKING PROGRESS

TDAC workgroup progress will be continually assessed on a quarterly basis, at minimum. Templates will be developed for each subgroup to establish their strategies, action plans, and report progress for each. As progress is made, templates will be updated, and progress will be reported at each quarterly TDAC workgroup meeting. All updates will be compiled into one status report each year. The yearly TDAC workgroup status update will be shared on a public facing website and with community organizations and statewide partners.

PUBLIC RECORDS

All written materials and correspondence of the workgroup is subject to disclosure as public records, pursuant to the Tennessee Public Records Act, Tennessee Code Annotate, §10-7-501, et. seq.

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