



# Alzheimer's Public Health News

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## Public Health Announcements

— A new, 30-minute [video](#) is available: Alzheimer's, A Public Health Crisis. The video is adapted from module 1 of [A Public Health Approach to Alzheimer's and Other Dementias](#), a curriculum designed for use in undergraduate schools of public health. The online module is ideal for instructors who introduce learning material before class (a "flipped classroom" approach) as well as public health professionals who want to learn more about Alzheimer's. Additional updates will be released this fall. Learn more at [alz.org/public-health-curriculum](http://alz.org/public-health-curriculum).

## Emerging Evidence and New Resources

— Disparities continue to exist in the number of deaths from Alzheimer's, according to [final data](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As reported in the Alzheimer's Association's [Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures](#), in 2017, Alzheimer's disease was the sixth overall leading cause of death in the United States. The new CDC report shows Alzheimer's deaths varied by gender and race/Hispanic origin. Among women, Alzheimer's was the fifth leading cause of death while among men, it was the seventh leading cause. Among white, Hispanic, and Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, Alzheimer's was the sixth leading cause of death; ninth among black Americans; and tenth among American Indian/Alaska Native peoples.

— Information and referral services (I&R) are critical for connecting local supports and services to members of the community and are increasingly serving more older adults, more caregivers, and more individuals living with dementia, according to a [survey](#) from the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD). Over half of I&R service providers report an increase in the number of contacts from these groups over the past two years, with referrals to housing, transportation, and financial assistance cited as the most common unmet need.

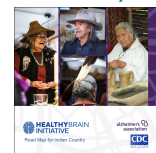
— As dementia progresses, driving can become dangerous to both the person with dementia and others on the road. However, conversations about limiting driving can be difficult. This new [infographic](#) from the National Institute on Aging helps initiate these conversations.

## The HBI Road Map



Designed for state and local public health practitioners, the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map encourages 25 actions that help promote brain health, address cognitive impairment, and support the needs of caregivers.

## Road Map for Indian Country



Designed for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, the Healthy Brain Initiative *Road Map for Indian Country* is a guide for AI/AN leaders to learn about Alzheimer's and begin planning their response to dementia.

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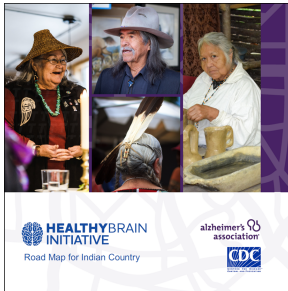
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## Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map



The Healthy Brain Initiative's (HBI) *State and Local Public Health Partnerships to Address Dementia: The 2018-2023 Road Map* is designed to mobilize the public health community in mitigating the future impacts of Alzheimer's and other dementias, especially among vulnerable populations. Read the [full Road Map](#), [executive summary](#) or get started with the [planning guide](#).

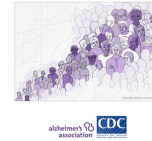


The Healthy Brain Initiative's *Road Map for Indian Country* is a guide for American Indian and Alaska Native leaders to learn about dementia, educate their communities, and start taking action against Alzheimer's. Read the [full Road Map](#), [executive summary](#), or the [dissemination guide](#) to get started.

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## Alzheimer's Public Health Curriculum



A free curriculum to introduce undergraduates to Alzheimer's as a growing public health issue.

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