

WHY FOCUS ON DEMENTIA?

Dementia is a comprehensive term for a decline in mental ability that is severe enough to interfere with daily life. With an estimated 580,000 people living with Alzheimer's disease, not accounting for other types of dementia, and a projection to have over 720,000 individuals living with the disease in Florida by 2025, Florida ranks second in the nation with the highest incidence.

The Dementia Care and Cure Initiative (DCCI) was created in 2015 in response to the increasing incidence of dementia by implementing a statewide effort to becoming more dementia-caring – acting to support those diagnosed with and living with dementia, their families, their loved ones, and caregivers – bettering communities and the state overall.

DCCI GOALS

AWARENESS Increase awareness of dementia, services, and supports: Accomplished through educational events, the media, and joint efforts with community leadership and stakeholders, including partnering state agencies.

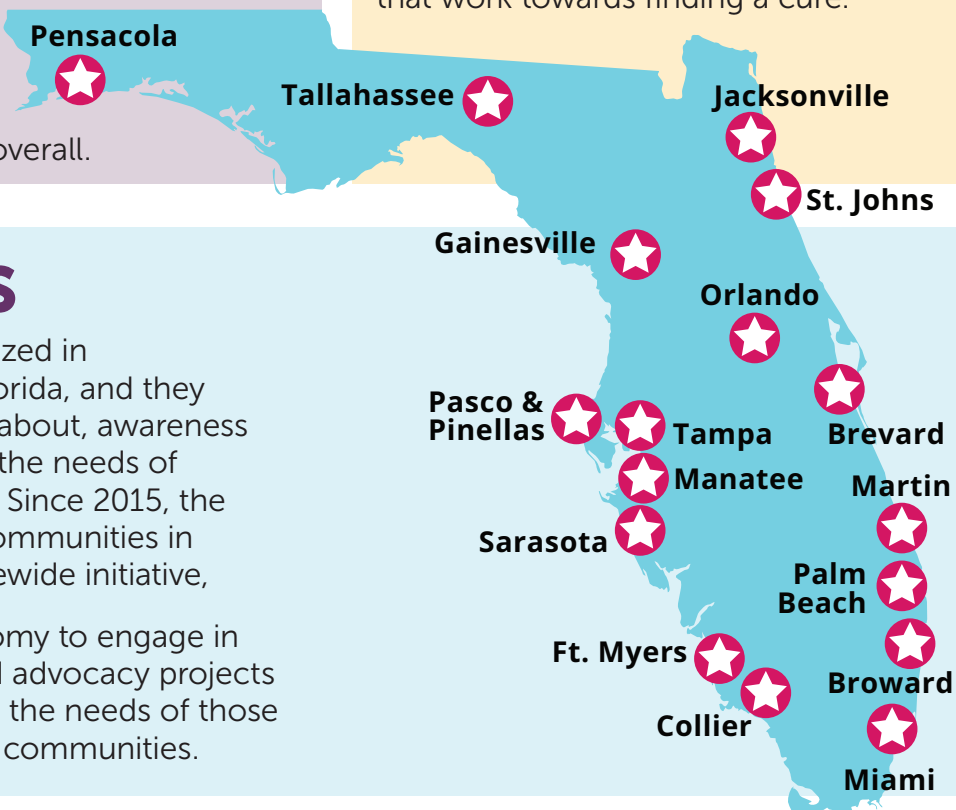
ASSISTANCE Provide assistance to dementia-caring communities: Each participating community is supported by DOEA to produce and implement community-specific action-oriented plans.

ADVOCACY Continue advocacy for care and cure programs: Advocating for the funding of programs that care for both those diagnosed with dementia and their caregivers, as well as research efforts that work towards finding a cure.

TASK FORCES

DCCI Task Forces are organized in communities throughout Florida, and they work to increase education about, awareness of, and sensitivity regarding the needs of those affected by dementia. Since 2015, the program has spread to 17 communities in Florida, and while it is a statewide initiative,

Task Forces have the autonomy to engage in educational, awareness, and advocacy projects and activities that best meet the needs of those living with dementia in their communities.



LEARN MORE

For more information about the Dementia Care and Cure Initiative, visit us at elderaffairs.org or email us at DCCI@elderaffairs.org.



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2025 FLORIDA

ALZHEIMER'S STATISTICS



PREVALENCE

Number of People
Aged 65 and Older
with Alzheimer's (2020)

579,900

% of Adults Over 65
with Alzheimer's

12.5%

WORKFORCE

of Geriatricians
in 2021

418

Increase Needed to
Meet 2050 Demand

168.2%

of Home Health
and Personal Care
Aides in 2022

72,410

Increase Needed to
Meet 2032 Demand

22.6%

CAREGIVING

of Caregivers

870,000

Total Hours
of Unpaid Care

1.4B

Total Value
of Unpaid Care

\$29.4B

Caregivers with Chronic
Health Conditions

66.4%

Caregivers
with Depression

28.6%

Caregivers in
Poor Physical Health

13.6%

HEALTH CARE

of People in Hospice
(2017) with a Primary
Diagnosis of Dementia

19,897

Hospice Residents
with a Primary Diagnosis
of Dementia

15%

of Emergency
Department Visits per
1,000 People with
Dementia (2018)

1,552

Dementia Patient
Hospital Readmission
Rate (2018)

23.0%

Medicaid Costs of
Caring for People with
Alzheimer's (2025)

\$3.7B

Per Capita Medicare
Spending on People with
Dementia in 2024 Dollars

\$35,223

More than **7 million**
Americans are living
with Alzheimer's,
and nearly **12 million**
provide their unpaid
care. The cost of
caring for those
with Alzheimer's
and other dementias
is estimated to total
\$384 billion in 2025,
increasing to nearly
\$1 trillion
(in today's dollars)
by mid-century.

For more
information, view
the 2025 Alzheimer's
Disease Facts and
Figures report at
alz.org/facts.



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MORTALITY

of Deaths from
Alzheimer's Disease (2022)

6,397