

California Department of Public Health
California Alzheimer's Disease Program

FACT SHEET

Mission

To relieve the human burden and economic cost associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and to assist in ultimately discovering the cause and treatment of these diseases through:

- Providing state-of the-art comprehensive diagnosis, treatment, and support services for individuals with memory problems;
- Improving the quality of care for persons with Alzheimer's disease;
- Increasing and improving training and education to health care professionals, students, caregivers, and the general public;
- Increasing research into the areas of basic science, diagnosis, treatment, behavioral management, caregiving, and epidemiology;
- Translating research findings and technical advances into clinical practice, medical education, and the community.

Program Background

In 1984, legislation was enacted that established the Alzheimer's Disease Program (Program). To meet the legislative mandates of relieving the human burden and economic cost of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and to assist in ultimately discovering the cause and treatment of these diseases, the Program:

- Established and administers a statewide network of 10 California Alzheimer's Disease Centers (ADCs) at university medical centers. These Centers are dedicated to improving the quality of life of persons affected with Alzheimer's disease and their families by providing diagnostic and treatment services; professional training for medical residents, postdoctoral fellows, nurses, interns, and medical students; and community education such as caregiver training and support.
- Established and administers the Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund, which awards grants through a competitive process to scientists in California engaged in the study of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Key Partners

- California Department of Aging
- Alzheimer's Association
- California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee
- Caregiver Resources Centers
- Area Agencies on Aging
- The University of California, Davis

Recent Success/Milestones

The California Alzheimer's Disease Program has been serving the residents of California for over 30 years. Six of the ten ADCs are nationally recognized Alzheimer's Disease Centers.

Funding

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Research Program is solely dependent on donations from California taxpayers on their State income tax forms. The ADCs are funded 100% by the State General Fund.

Websites

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