



## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DEMONSTRATION GRANT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants to States Programs (ADDGS) was established under Section 398 of the Public Health Service Act (P.L. 78-410) as amended by Public Law 101-157, and by Public Law 105-379, the Health Professions Education Partnerships Act of 1998. The program is administered by the Administration on Aging, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### MISSION

The program's mission is to expand the availability of diagnostic and support services for persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families, and their caregivers, as well as to improve the responsiveness of the home and community based care system to persons with dementia. The program focuses on serving hard-to-reach and underserved people with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders (ADRDs).

### ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **Awarded demonstration grants** to 38 State government agencies in FY2004 including: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.
- ❖ **Projects Demonstrate how** existing public and private resources within States may be more effectively coordinated and utilized to enhance educational needs and service delivery systems for persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers.
- ❖ **AoA is assisting States** to plan, establish, and operate demonstration programs to:
  - *Link public and non-profit agencies* that develop and operate respite care and other community-based supports, educational, and diagnostic services within the State to people who need services.
  - *Deliver support services* including respite care, home health care, personal care, day care, companion services, and supportive services to person with ADRDs.
  - *Incorporate evidence-based* research in the formulation of project proposals.
  - *Focus on* using the ADDGS program as a vehicle for advancing changes to a state's overall system of home and community based care.
  - *Provide individualized and public information*, education, and referrals about 1) diagnostic, treatment and related services; 2) sources of assistance for services; 3) legal rights of people affected by ADRD.
- ❖ **Identified "Best Practices"** among previous grantees. AoA disseminates information on successful & replicable innovative approaches and programs. See <http://www.aoa.gov/alz>.

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