



# Alzheimer's Disease Program Overview

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# Presentation Overview

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- Alzheimer's Disease Program (ADP)
- Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
- Texas Alzheimer's Disease Partnership

# Alzheimer's Disease Program

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## History

- Established in 1987

## Purpose

- Increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease
- Address burden of living with condition and providing care
- Support Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
- Work with the Texas Alzheimer's Disease Partnership

## Funding

- ~\$80,000 annually (GR Funds)
- 1 FTE



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# Alzheimer's Disease Program

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## Program Activities

- Education and Referral
- Support the Council in developing its biennial legislative report
- Serve on the Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee

## Recent Developments

- Program transferred to Community Health Improvement Division within DSHS



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# Texas Council on Alzheimer's & Related Disorders

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## History and Membership

- Established in 1987
- Membership
  - 12 Voting Members appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, including:
    - 5 Professional Members
    - 7 Public Members
  - Non-voting members representing the Texas Health and Human Services System
- Recent Developments
  - New Chair appointed in February 2018
  - 8 new members appointed since December 2017



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# Texas Council on Alzheimer's & Related Disorders

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## The Council's Functions are Driven by Two Statutes

Health and Safety Code, Chapter 101  
(created in 1987):

- Make recommendations
- Coordinate networking systems for families and caregivers
- Disseminate information on services/activities
- Facilitate state agency services coordination
- Encourage research
- Submit a biennial legislative report

Education Code, Chapter 154 (created in 1999):

- Establish the Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC)
- Provide funds to TARCC participants to develop clinical centers



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# Texas Alzheimer's Disease Partnership

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## Volunteer Network Committed to a State Plan for Alzheimer's

- Established in 1999
- Assisted in authoring and implementing the 2010-2015 Texas Alzheimer's Disease State Plan, covering:
  - Overview of the State of Alzheimer's in Texas
  - Strategies of Addressing Key Areas of Concern:
    - Science
    - Prevention & Brain Health
    - Disease Management
    - Caregiving/Caregivers
    - Infrastructure
- An updated State Plan is in development
  - DSHS will be reaching out to Partnership members and the Council in developing new State Plan
  - State Plan not currently required in statute

# Next Steps

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- Train new council members on both Health and Safety and Education Code tasks through coordination with UT-Austin, UT-Southwestern, etc.
- Encourage Council to meet more frequently to establish cohesive recommendations for required legislative report and conduct Consortium duties
  - Statute requires the Council to meet at least twice annually
- Establish timeline for coordinating State Plan efforts with the Partnership and Council



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