



# **Alzheimer's Disease Program Overview**

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

# 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 2009 to assist in authoring and implementing the 2010-2015 Texas Alzheimer's Disease State Plan
- This volunteer network of approximately 150 partners
  - State, local and community level organizations
  - Academic and research institutions
  - Healthcare sector
  - Family members of individuals affected by Alzheimer's



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# Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease

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## Timeline for Development

- May 30, 2018: Partnership Meeting for State Plan being held in Austin
  - Focus Groups
  - Consider national best practices
  - Invited attendees include: Texas Medical Association, Alzheimer's Association, etc.
- June-August 2018: Workgroups will hold conference calls to further clarify ideas
- August 2018: 2<sup>nd</sup> Partnership meeting to be held to review work status/establish next steps
- August-October 2018: DSHS creates draft of State Plan
- November-December 2018: Internal review of draft
- January 2019: Final draft of state plan developed



# Next Steps

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- The next Texas Council for Alzheimer's Disease will be held August 22, 2018
- Continue to educate and train Council members
- Develop DSHS' Alzheimer's State Plan



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# Thank You

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