**Department** of Health Office of Health Insurance Programs

# **Caregiver Support Initiative for Underserved Communities**

We are an initiative to reach caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias (AD/D), either or both of whom are members of underserved communities. These programs recognize and address the need for culturally competent support strategies.

**We offer** evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies including:

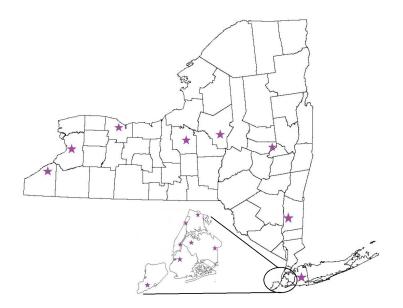
- Extensive Outreach to target communities
- Caregiver Assessment and Referrals
- Support Groups
- Education and Training
- Caregiver Wellness
- Joint Enrichment
- Respite

Our program models are designed to serve individuals that may experience challenges related to:

- Geographic isolation
- English as a second language
- Minority or ethnic group membership
- Sexual orientation & gender identity
- Low socioeconomic status
- Cultural isolation

*"I learned to see mom. The disease is not who she is. Be patient and enjoy her."* 

New York State Caregiver, Rochester/Finger Lakes Region



### **Caregiver Support Initiative for Underserved Communities Contractors**

- Chautauqua Opportunities Dunkirk, NY
- Pride Center of Western New York Buffalo, NY
- Syracuse University Syracuse, NY
- Lutheran Home of Central New York Clinton, NY
- Regional Aid for Interim Needs Bronx, NY
- CaringKind Queens, New York
- Jewish Community Center Staten Island, NY
- Family and Children's Association Mineola, NY

- New York Memory Center Brooklyn, NY
- Riverstone Senior Life Services New York, NY
- Sunnyside Community Services Sunnyside, NY
- Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley Chapter -Poughkeepsie, NY
- Alzheimer's Association, Rochester & Finger Lakes Chapter - Rochester, NY
- Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults -Jamaica, NY
- Resource Center for Independent Living -Amsterdam, NY

# The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias

## New York State by the Numbers

**400,000** New Yorkers are living with Alzheimer's disease (AD)

### \$4.8 billion

Medicaid dollars spent caring for people with AD/D

"Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are a public health crisis nationwide and here in New York State... We are committed to implementing this initiative in the most impactful way to benefit people in every corner of our state."

> Dr. Howard Zucker New York State Health Commissioner

#### The impact of AD/D in New York State:

- By 2025, a projected 460,000 New Yorkers will be living with AD.
- Between 2018 and 2025, NYS is projected to experience a 15% increase in people living with AD.
- In 2015, the mortality rate from AD was reported at 16 per 100,000 people.
- New York's family caregivers provide approximately 1.2 billion hours of unpaid care annually for people with AD/D. This care is valued at an estimated \$14.8 billion.

1 million Unpaid

family caregivers

# \$881 million

In higher health care costs for family caregivers

#### The Impact of AD/D in the United States:

- Between 2000 and 2015 the number of deaths caused by AD increased by 123%.
- In 2018, 5.5 million Americans age 65 and older are living with AD. By 2050, a projected 13.8 million Americans age 65 and older will be living with AD.
- In 2018, total payments for health care, long-term care and hospice care for people with AD/D in the United States is estimated at \$277 billion. By 2050, the projected cost of AD/D will be \$1.1 trillion.
- More than 16 million Americans provide over 18.4 billion hours of unpaid care annually for people with AD/D. This care is valued at over \$232 billion.
- 18% of caregivers went from full-time to part-time work or cut back hours, and 9% gave up working entirely.

#### New York State Department of Health Alzheimer's Disease Program

Regional Caregiver Support Initiative Programs

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Caregiver Support Initiative Programs for Underserved Communities

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10 Centers of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease

Statewide Alzheimer's Community Assistance Program

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#### The Alzheimer's Disease Program's Achievements in Year 1 & 2

- All 62 counties across New York State served.
- 60,197 care consultation services provided.
- 45,977 participants attended 7,777 support group sessions.
- 38,486 participants attended 4,759 education sessions.
- 4,019 participants received 183,218 hours of respite care.

- 11,469 AD/D diagnostic assessments performed.
- 44,785 physician referrals to community providers offered to participants.
- 36,245 students, physicians and healthcare professionals trained.
- 47,837 Helpline calls serving 26,668 individuals.