

Indigenous Aging

Advancing a community-based model to address
dementia in tribal clinics

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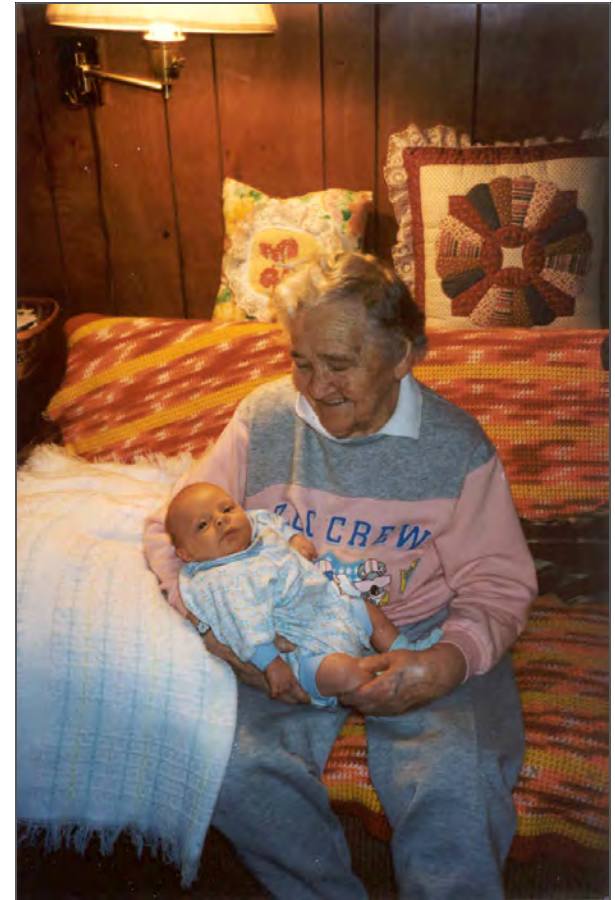
Partnerships for Native Health

- Community-based action research, education and training
- Urban and reservation-based AI/AN populations across the lifespan
- Physical and mental health, chronic disease, elder health, healthcare needs
- ~ 160 partners: tribal colleges, AI/AN organizations, tribes (30 active partners)
- 75 projects funded since 2007



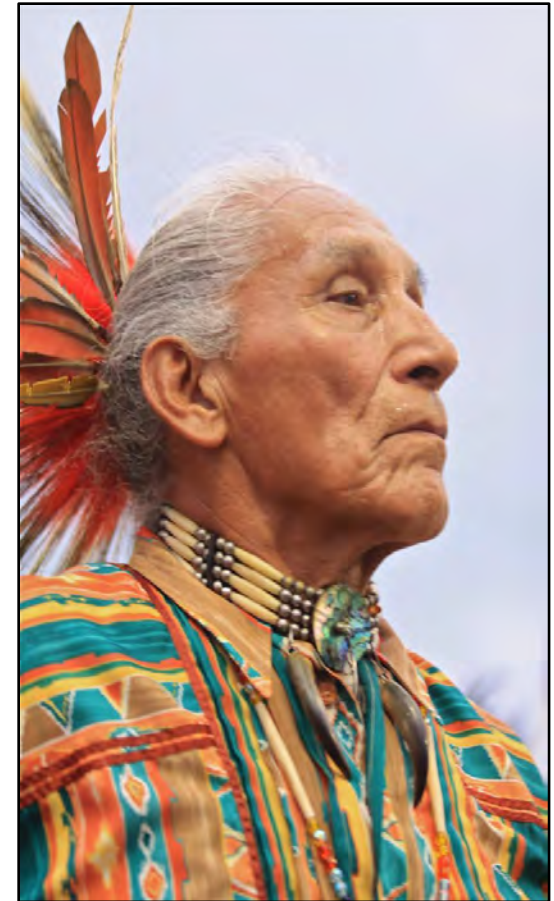
Outreach, Research, and Education (ORE)

- Context
 - Dementia 101
 - American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), cognitive impairment, and dementia
 - Washington State data
- Clinical Integration Efforts
 - Native outreach and education
 - Detection
 - Resources




What is Dementia?

- **Dementia** is a decline in mental ability, including memory, that is severe enough to result in loss of independence in typical daily activities.
- **Dementia** is most common in older adults and has many known causes.
- Alzheimer's disease is the most **common type of dementia** in older adults.

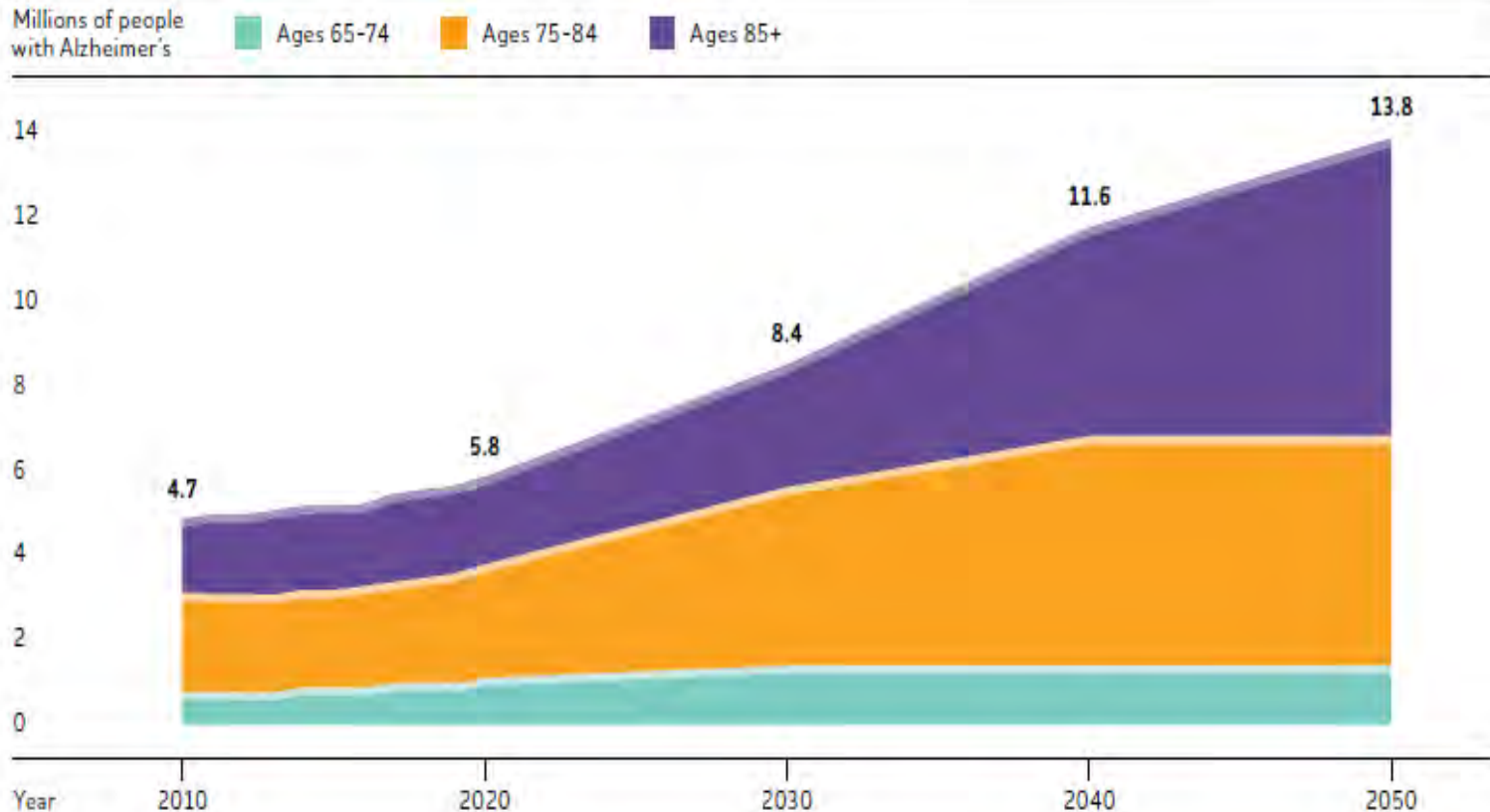


What is Alzheimer's Disease?

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- When cognitive impairment is due to Alzheimer's disease, symptoms usually start gradually and progress slowly, over many years.
 - In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer's, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment.
 - There is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, but there are opportunities for early diagnosis and interventions which temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and improve quality of life.

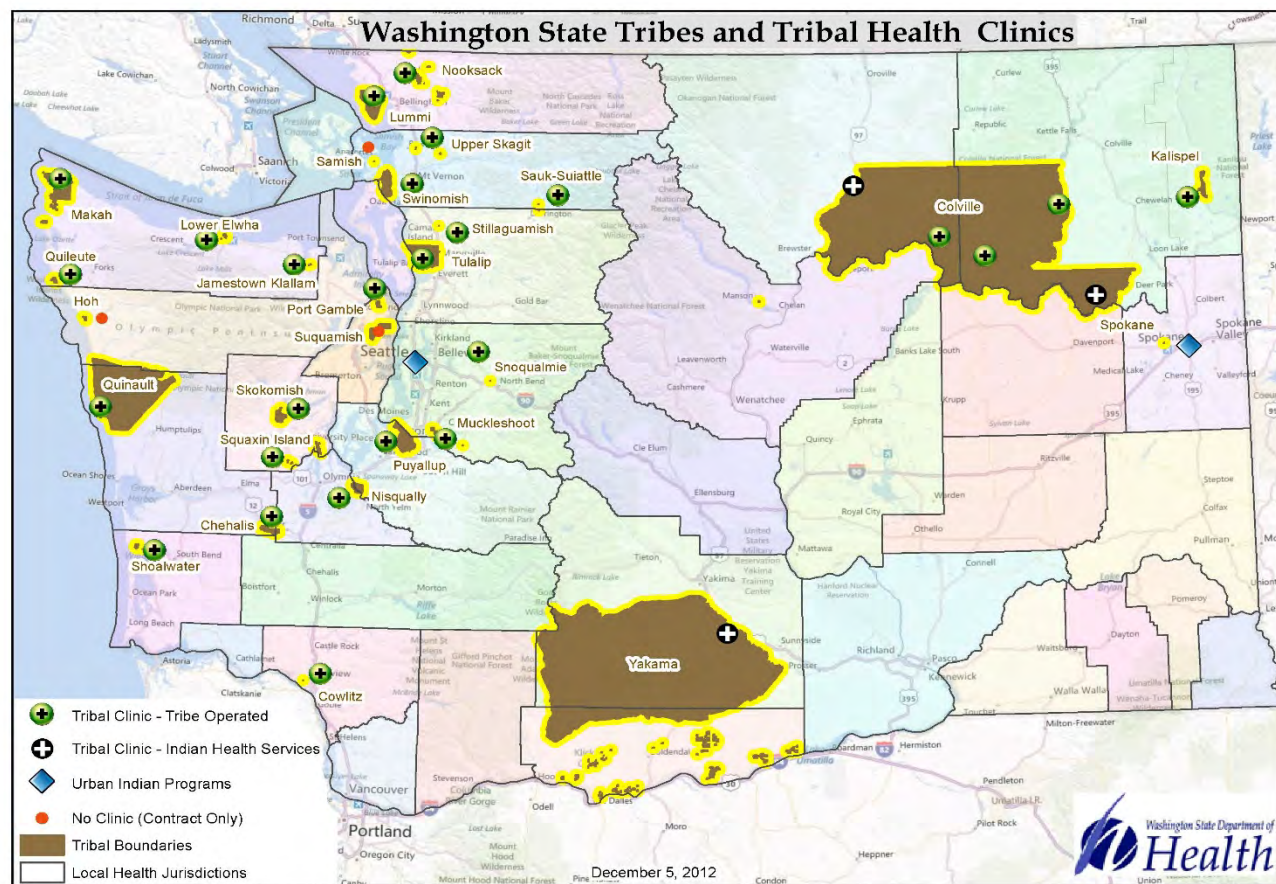
2017 Facts and Figures

Projected Number of People Age 65 and Older (Total and by Age Group)
in the U.S. Population with Alzheimer's Dementia, 2010 to 2050




Alzheimer's in Washington State

- 100,000 cases in Washington
 - 40% increase expected by 2025
- Third highest incidence rate in the US
- Third leading cause of death
- 9th cause of death among AI/AN in Washington State 2006-2010.



Alzheimer's Disease and AI/ANs

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- The number of AI/ANs age 65 and older is growing fast.
 - The US Census Bureau estimated that in 2012, 266,000 AI/ANs were aged 65 and older
 - According to projections, the population of Native elders in this age range will almost quadruple by 2050, to **996,000**.
 - Many experts believe that Alzheimer's disease is underdiagnosed in our communities.

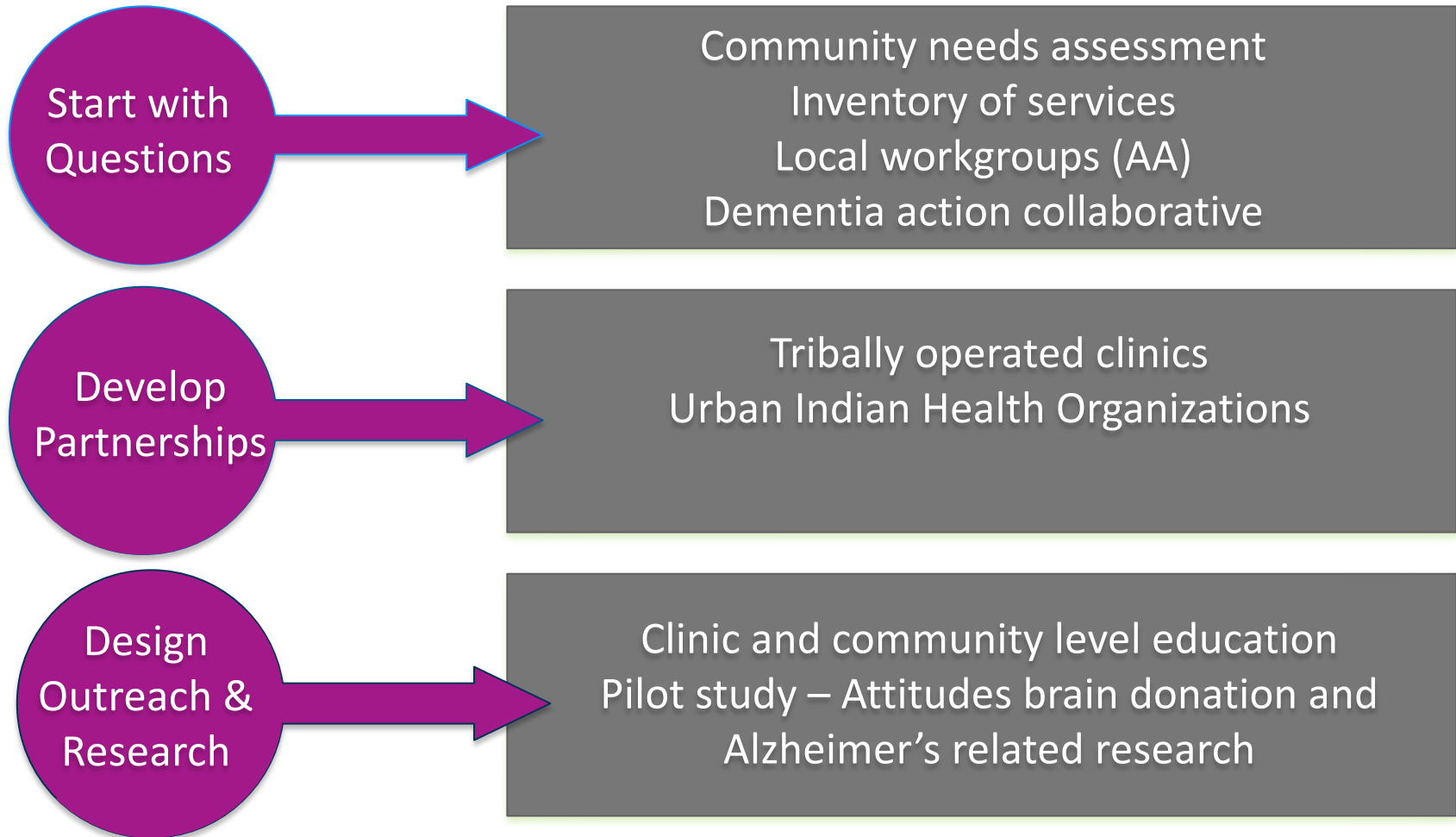
AI/AN Dementia Risk: What do we know?




Two recent studies of Alzheimer's disease:

- Mayeda et al. *Alzheimer's & Dementia* (2016)
 - AI/ANs and African Americans have the highest incidence of dementia among all racial and ethnic groups.
- Chen and Panegyres. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* (2016)
 - AI/ANs and Native Hawaiians have twice the risk of **early-onset** dementia (before age 65) relative to Whites (lowest risk group).

P4NH – Community-based Model



Start with Questions

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- Administered Alzheimer's Disease Knowledge Scale (ADKS) at 3 pow wows in 2016/2017
 - N=419 self identified AI/AN participated
 - 77% of respondents have heard of Alzheimer's disease
 - 37% have immediate family member with trouble thinking or memory loss
 - If personally diagnosed, 61% would agree or strongly agree to donate a blood sample to help researchers find causes and treatments for the condition

Partnership with Tribal Clinics

- Fewer than 50% of cases of dementia are diagnosed in a clinical setting.
- 45 minute presentation for tribal clinics in Wash. State
 - Improves knowledge of disease
 - Overview diagnosis criteria and screeners
 - Treatment & Prevention
 - Research at ADRC

Tools for Early Identification, Assessment, and Treatment for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

NAME: _____ Education: _____ Sex: _____ Date of birth: _____

MOCA

VISUOSPATIAL / EXECUTIVE

Copy cube (1 point)

Draw CUBE (Two past elevations) (1 point)

WORKSHEET

National Chronic Care Consortium

NAMING

Look at each picture and write the name of the animal in the space provided.

MEMORY

Read list of words; subject must repeat them (one at a time) until all are recalled.

ATTENTION

Read list of digits (2 digits only); subject has to repeat them in the forward order.

Read list of letters; the subject must tap with his hand at each letter A, no points if 2 or more.

LANGUAGE

Repeat: "Only know that letter is the one to help today."

ABSTRACTION

Similarity between a g. banana - orange - fruit

DELETED RECALL

the list of words written on card

Optional

Category test

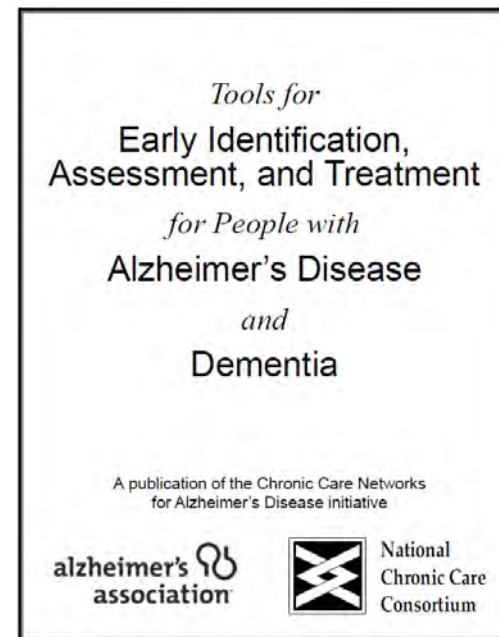
ORIENTATION

Date: _____ Month: _____ Year: _____ Day: _____ Place: _____ City: _____

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Clinic-based Evaluation

- Interview and history
- Physical and neurologic exam
- Cognitive assessment
- Depression screening
- Functional status
- Medical history review
- Medication review
- Laboratory tests
- Brain imaging
- Repeat evaluation in 6-12 months if cause unclear



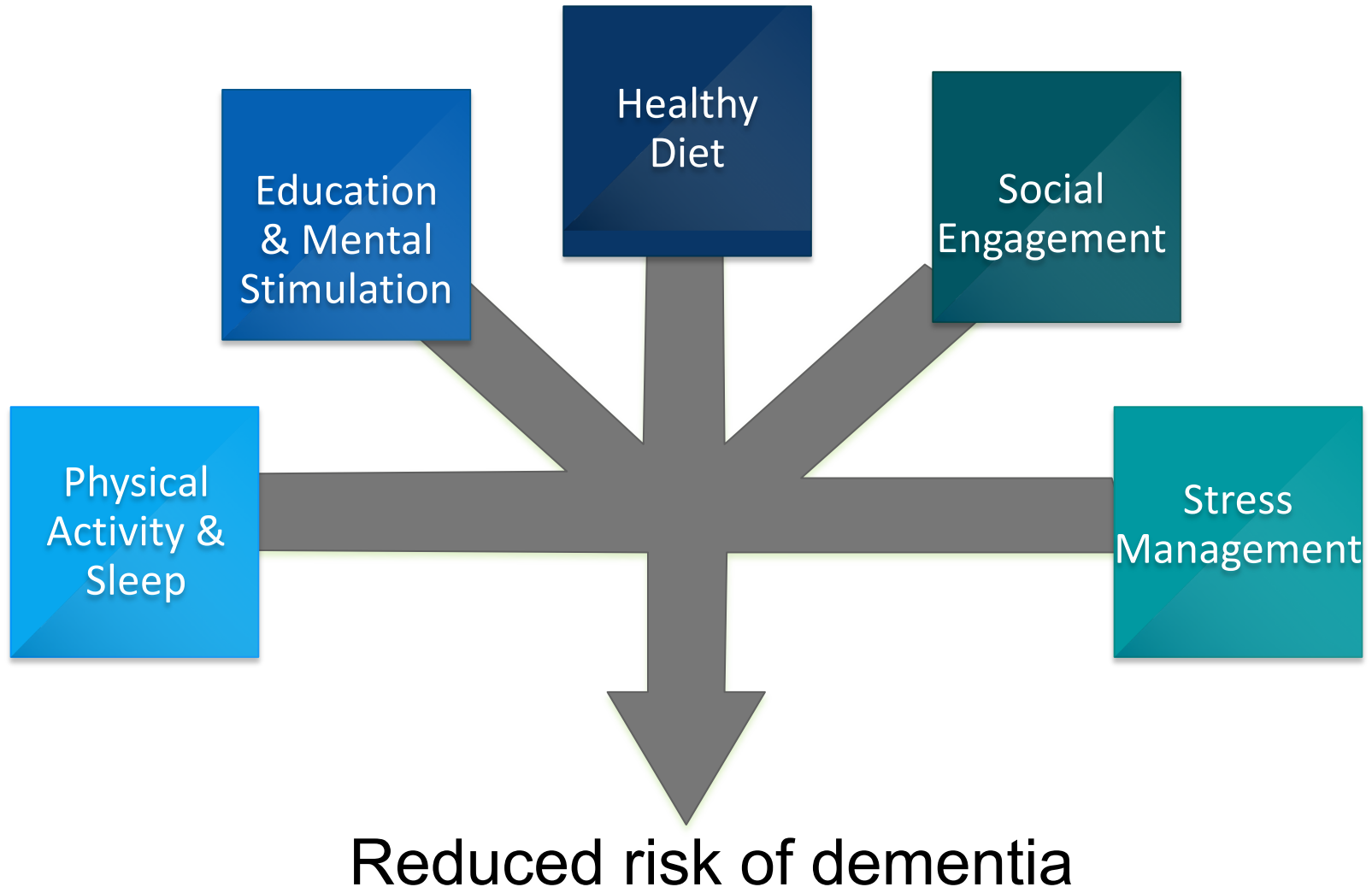
Source: Dementia Update for Primary Care: Detection, Diagnosis and Management.
Dr. Kristoffer Rhoads, PhD. Seattle, WA 2/7/17

Partnership Activities – Elder's Groups

- Improve patient and family knowledge
 - Digital story
 - Review the signs and symptoms of dementia
 - Discuss implications and distribute educational materials
 - Engage in dialogue with community members



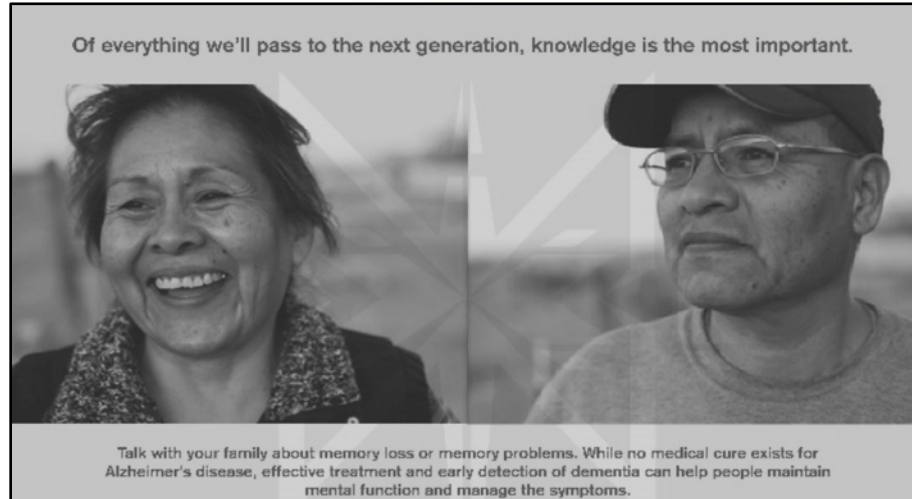
Prevention and Intervention



Baumgart, Matthew, et al. *Alzheimer's & Dementia* (2015) Summary of the evidence on modifiable risk factors for cognitive decline and dementia: A population-based perspective.


Partnership Activities

- Distribute educational materials in clinic waiting rooms
- Distribute materials at health fairs and powwows
- Mail fact sheet to priority audiences
- Resource sharing
- Capacity building




Caregiver Support	What Can You Do?	Natives Care
Caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease can be difficult or overwhelming. If you or someone you know is taking care of an elder with Alzheimer's, see below for information about caregiver support groups and resources in the Seattle area.	Partnerships for Native Health is collaborating with the University of Washington's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center to improve access to information and research opportunities for American Indian or Alaska Native people. For more information on these activities, please contact us. Our contact information appears below.	Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia
Alzheimer's Association Information and resources to help elders and their families learn about dementia through a 24/7 helpline, care consultation, education, early stage programs, caregiver resources, and an online library. Online: http://www.alz.org/ 24/7 Helpline: 1-866-403-3073		
King County Caregiver Support Network The King County Caregiver Support Network helps caregivers find support groups, counseling, training, and other resources to better care for their loved ones with Alzheimer's disease. Online: http://www.kccaregiver.org/	Partnerships for Native Health Online: http://www.p4nh.org/research/ Phone: 206-708-8629 (toll free)	 Partnerships for Native Health
Alzheimer's Café Alzheimer's Cafés are available in various cities in King and Snohomish Counties for people with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers to meet and talk. Online: http://www.fullcare.org/alzcafes/	University of Washington Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Online: www.uwadrc.org Phone: 206-764-2069 or 1-800-317-5382	 Alzheimer's Disease Research Center University of Washington

Partnership Activities – Provider Training

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- Dementia in Primary Care: Practical Tools. Real World Advice.
 - 3 hour workshop for primary care to better manage dementia
 - Is it dementia?
 - How do the types of dementia differ?
 - Retiring sagely from driving
 - Managing behavioral problems

Other Research Activities


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- “Alzheimer's Disease Research Study for American Indians and Alaska Natives” is a pilot study that was funded to:
 - Develop and deliver a presentation on Alzheimer's disease research
 - Administer pre- and post-presentation surveys
 - Conduct focus groups with AI/ANs on the impact of the presentation

Research Activities at University of Washington




- Al/ANs are under-enrolled in clinical research and population-based studies.
- The University of Washington Alzheimer's Disease Research Center is a site for clinical trials and studies of potential treatments, prevention strategies, and new diagnostic approaches for Alzheimer's disease and related neurodegenerative conditions.
- <http://depts.washington.edu/mbwc/research/clinical-trials>

Research Opportunities at University of Washington

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- Examples of intervention/treatment studies
 - EMERGE; CONNECT: placebo-controlled drug trials for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease
 - A4: placebo-controlled drug trial for symptom-free older adults
 - Estia: computer games for older people with depression

Research Opportunities at University of Washington

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- Examples of observational studies
 - Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Clinical Core: natural history study to learn about cognitive aging over time in people with and without memory loss
 - IDEAS: Medicare-funded study to learn whether brain scans for detection of amyloids are useful
 - Neuroimaging and function studies to learn how changes in walking are associated with cognitive function in older people

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