

Dementia Friendly Storey County

For Fiscal Year 2026–2027

DRAFT #2, April 9th, 2026 of Proposed Initial Goals

Vision

To create an informed and supportive communities within the County where individuals living with dementia and their caregivers are understood, respected, and effectively supported across all sectors.

Initial Goals

Goal 1: Establish a formal **County Dementia Friendly Coalition** with representatives from:

- County leadership
- Law enforcement/911/dispatch
- Fire/EMS
- Behavioral health (Community Health Worker's)
- Senior services
- Community members
- Business owners
- Those living with Dementia and/or their Caregivers

Goal 2: Adopt Dementia Friendly Nevada Statewide Aspirations

Consideration for; Aspiration #1 and Aspiration #2:

Aspiration 1: Provide Innovative Brain Health and Dementia Education

Dementia Friendly Nevada is a leader in providing innovative and creative approaches to brain health and dementia education. Our in-person and virtual programs are tailored for diverse groups, including law enforcement, legal professionals, youth, healthcare workers, businesses, care and support partners, people living with dementia, and community members. Embodying Dementia Friendly Nevada's values and mobilizing beliefs, our learning opportunities serve to destigmatize aging and dementia. Community members learn from and with each other in the equitable and oftentimes intergenerational spaces we create, pioneering new ideas and proactive pathways forward. As we teach, we emphasize the importance of diversity, equity, inclusion, and self-advocacy across the life course. To broaden our impact, we offer a new dementia training program that satisfies the ethics requirement for most professional licenses in Nevada.

New information for the April 9th, 2026, Meeting:

Through the University of Nevada Extension program, we have upcoming Nutrition classes focused on Brain health. We are also in talks with Carson-Tahoe Regional Medical Center to have additional Brain Health / Nutrition / Support classes at the Senior Center in Virginia City beginning in July 2026.

Aspiration 2: Increase Awareness of and Access to Supportive Services

To advance Dementia Friendly Nevada's mission, our members work hard to increase awareness of and access to supportive services for people living with dementia and care partners. This includes educating the public about Nevada 2-1-1 and Nevada Care Connection, both of which serve as centralized hubs for information and referrals. In addition, we promote the Benjamin Rose Institute's Best Practice Caregiving website, which is a free, online directory of evidence-based and evidence-informed dementia-related programs for people living with dementia and family care partners. We disseminate information regarding supportive services amongst the general population and within healthcare settings, ensuring current resource information is readily available to Nevadans regardless of location. The Dementia Friendly Nevada Support Team provides training and technical assistance to a strong network of highly trained Dementia Care Specialists who provide free cognitive screenings and resource navigation in each county, to connect Nevadans to comprehensive cognitive assessments and/or supportive services as needed. With the assistance of volunteer facilitators, our Dementia Conversations program has expanded to all corners of the state, providing regular opportunities for people living with dementia and care partners to share their experiences, strategies, and helpful resources for living well with dementia. Through the widespread dissemination of our Dementia Self-Management Guidebook and accompanying self-management program, people living with dementia have immediate access to ideas for supporting their own brain health and wellbeing.

New Information for the April 9th, 2026, meeting:

We are working on setting up a support group for those living with Dementia and their care partners. We will have additional information on this progress at the May 14th, 2026, meeting.

Goal 3: Integrate voluntary dementia safety registry with Sheriff's "Resident Emergency Information" and/or "HCS Intake Paperwork" to support a sustainable network of cross-sector partners to improve dementia awareness, services access, and crisis response.

New information for the April 9th, 2026, meeting:

This is a work in progress and will be discussed again at the May 14th, 2026, meeting.

Goal 4: Based on suggestions requested from the group at the March 12th, 2026, meeting.

Expected Outcomes for all Proposed Initial Goals

- Increased cross-agency coordination
- Reduced system fragmentation

Objective of Proposed Initial Goals

By strengthening partnerships and integrating multi-disciplinary voluntary Dementia registration, the County will improve safety, support caregivers, reduce crisis-escalation, and advance a truly Dementia Friendly community aligned with statewide priorities.