Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
RESOURCES IN WYOMING, Panel & Discussion
The Wyoming Alzheimer’s Task Force is working to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer’s Disease in Wyoming. A series of town hall listening sessions were held in order to gain insight into the lives of those with or caring for an individual with Alzheimer’s disease or another form of dementia. The Wyoming State Plan will identify available resources, detect resource gaps, and map opportunities to improve the lives of those with dementia. Further, this plan will inform Alzheimer’s disease policy in the years to come.
Mission: The mission is to ensure that older Americans have the opportunity to age with dignity, have choices in managing their own lives, and remain as healthy, active and independent as possible within their communities.

Services Provided:

Healthcare Licensing and Surveys
• Assures that residents and patients receive quality care through the promotion of health and safety, by conducting on-site inspections and investigating complaints.

Healthcare Facilities
• Wyoming Pioneer Home - assisted living facility - Thermopolis.
• Wyoming Retirement Center - skilled nursing care - Basin.
• Veterans’ Home of Wyoming - domiciliary care - Buffalo.

Community Living Section
• Disease Prevention & Health Promotion
• Wyoming Home Services
• Supportive Services
• Nutrition Services
• Caregiver Support Program
• Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)
• Centenarian Program
Mission: To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Services Provided:
- Information & Referral
- Community Education Programs
- Healthcare Provider Education
- 24/7 Toll-free Helpline
- Coming soon: Support Groups for those with Early-Stage Dementias

- Individualized Care Consultations
- Caregiver Support Groups
- Legislative Advocacy
- Information through www.alz.org
Mission: AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, social welfare organization with a membership of nearly 38 million (85,000+ in WY) that helps people turn their goals and dream into real possibilities, strengthens communities and fights for issues that matter most to families - such as healthcare, employment and income security, and protection from financial abuse.

Services Provided:
• Advocacy: Uniform Power of Attorney Act - 2017
• Support: Caregiver Advise, Record, Enable (CARE) Act
Our Mission: The mission of the Wyoming Center is to optimize the health and wellbeing of Wyoming's older residents and their caregivers through interagency partnerships, basic and applied research, community education, and clinical training and services.

Services Provided
- WyCOA offers information and resources on aging including: conferences, webinars and online modules, and resources on our website.
- For the Older Adults & Caregiver: Healthly Living Programs; Online and community resources and information and resources to support aging in place
- Faculty: networking and connections to geriatrics; Classroom Resources and infusion Units. Networking Opportunities and research collaboration; Access to older adult research participant pool
- For Students: Clinical training and interships in geriatrics and gerontology (around the region); Opportunities to engage and learn about innovative aging services; Community program immersion opportunities; a Minor in Aging Studies; and an Aspire to Geriatrics Program
Mission: Wyoming Dementia Care’s mission is to help families and caregivers of those with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia-related illnesses care for their loved ones. We provide direct services, support, encouragement, and access to community resources and techniques helping caregivers meet the challenges of caring for their loved ones. Our goal is to provide a continuum of care from the first diagnosis of a dementia-related illness, including Alzheimer’s, through the end of life.

Services Provided: All of WDC’s services are completely FREE. We offer five monthly caregiver support groups with respite care provided at all. Caregivers can utilize respite care vouchers to secure respite care individually as needed. WDC also offers free one-to-one counselling services with a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in geriatric mental health. We conduct a monthly Here and Now dementia-focused recreational art class at our local art museum, and we offer care planning, disease education, memory screenings, training for professional caregivers and coordination with local care facilities and resources.
Mission: Becoming and informed, safe, and respectful community for people with dementia and their care partners

Services Provided:

- **Education and Awareness**
  - Recognize the signs of Dementia; Communicate effectively with a person with Dementia; Identify and Implement dementia friendly practices; Know where to locate Dementia resources and support; Special training for those who are in contact with those most isolated

- **Skill Sets for Care Partners**
  - Teepa Snow Physical Approach; Validation Method—strengthening care partner ability to communicate; Basic knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to handle the challenges

- **Support center: Outreach, Support, Navigation**

- **Across the health care continuum**
  - Best Practices for Dementia Care: Care managers, care consultants, nurses and social workers; Physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners

Social Engagement--improving the quality of life for those living with dementia
Mission: To create and develop responsive, compassionate care planning and provide individualized services for elderly clients, while specializing in dementia care.

Services Provided: Geriatric care management, therapeutic counseling, clinical assessments, in-home care companion placement and supervision, client and family education, long-term care planning, resource identification, information and access, coordination of care, liaison with medical and mental health professionals, end-of-life care.
Find more from these resources in the: Wyoming Ballroom