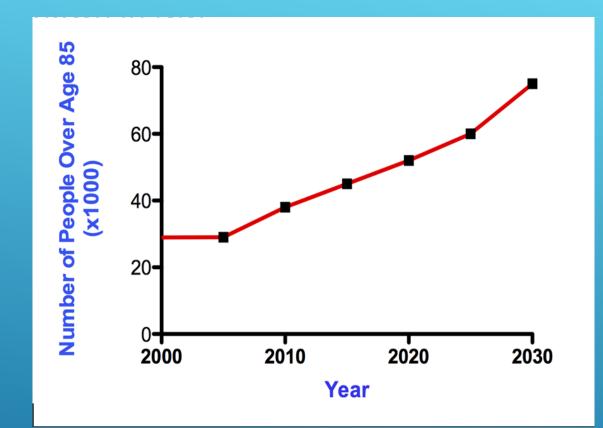
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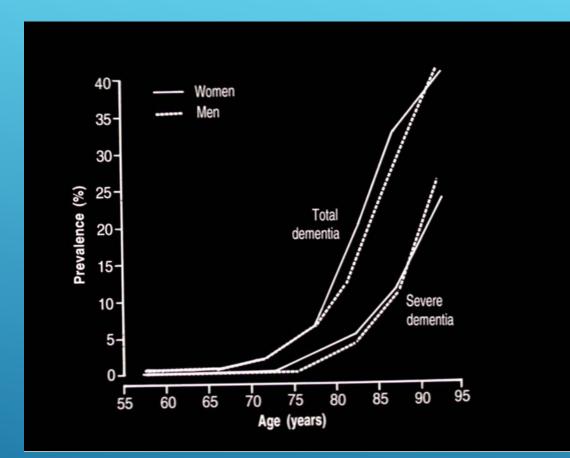
ADDRESSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES OF SENIORS

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# AGING IN NEW MEXICO





# DEMENTIA IN NEW MEXICO

Many new cases of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease expected in New Mexico in the future

Healthcare systems, providers and consumers claim there is inadequate dementia care in New Mexico NOW, what will future increases bring?

# DEMENTIA IN NEW MEXICO

## Too few health care providers

- > Too concentrated in urban areas
- Too little geriatric knowledge and skills
- Too little neurology knowledge and skills
- Too little geropsychiatry knowledge and skills

# HEALTHCARE IN NEW MEXICO

- Rapidly aging population in NM
- Dementia very strongly tracks aging
- Prevalence expected to grow exponentially
- Too few providers with too little knowledge and few skills in dementia care
- Is this the face of the silver tsunami in NM?

# DEMENTIA IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- Needs assessment from involved individual caregivers
- Focus groups (caregivers; care professionals)
- Opinion of community (Alz Ass, CG support groups)
- Quality indicators for dementia care excellence (national organization initiatives)
- Suggested topics from participants at conferences
- > Where do we start?

# HOW TO YOU GET TO THE NEEDS?

- Dementia Care ECHO Clinic 2011-2015:
  - Train cadre of dementia care providers of all disciplines
  - Interprofessional emphasis
  - Educate community and rural providers in dementia
  - Expand access to dementia specialty care in NM
  - Improve quality and outcomes of dementia care
  - Funded by time-limited grant to UNM Geriatric Division





## Dementia Care Clinic 2011-2015:

- > UNM Geriatrics, Neurology, PharmD, RN, SW, OT, PT
- Community partners:
  - NM Chapter of Alzheimer Association, volunteers
- NM Aging and Long Term Services Department
- > VA Healthcare
- Industry Partners:
  - > ALF, NH, residential care and home care professionals
  - > Elder law, guardianship professionals



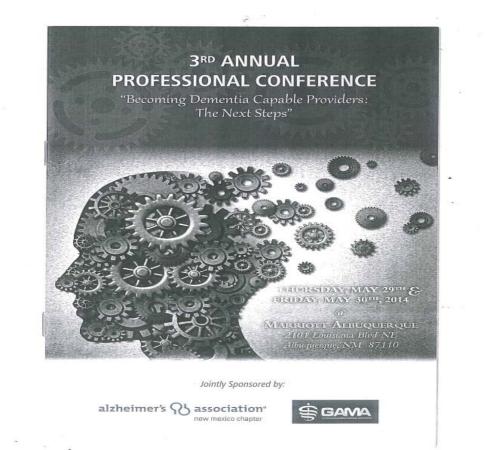


- Involved Professionals:
  - MD, DO, NP, PA, SW, RN, RD, PhD, OT, PT, RT, MA
- > Alzheimer Association staff and administrators
- LTC/ALF staff and administrators
- NM ALTS Department staff and administrators
- > Volunteers:
  - support group leaders

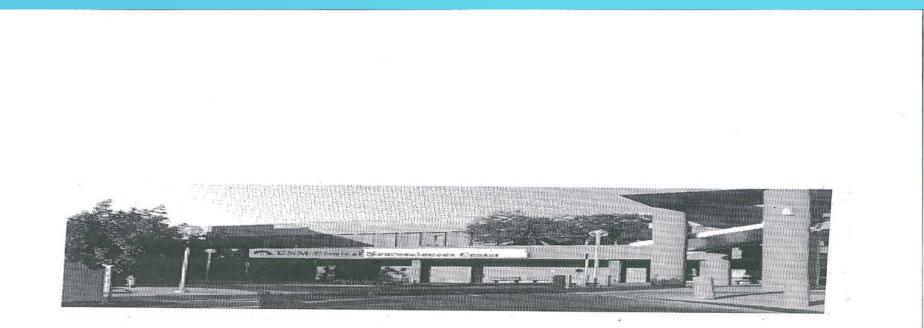
# **RESULTS AFTER 4 YEARS OF CLINICS**

- A working and involved community
- Lots and lots of long discussions
- Multi-layered activities
- Broad, engaged coalition:
  - Organizations
  - Agencies
  - Businesses
  - Individuals

# SO WHERE DID THIS LEAD US?



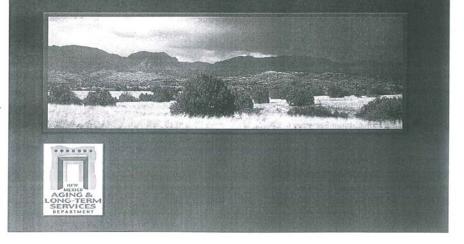
## FOUR YEARS OF STATEWIDE AA EDUCATIONAL DEMENTIA CONFERENCE



# THREE YEARS OF A DEDICATED DEMENTIA CLINIC AT UNM

### New Mexico State Plan

For Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias



## A TWO YEAR OLD STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS

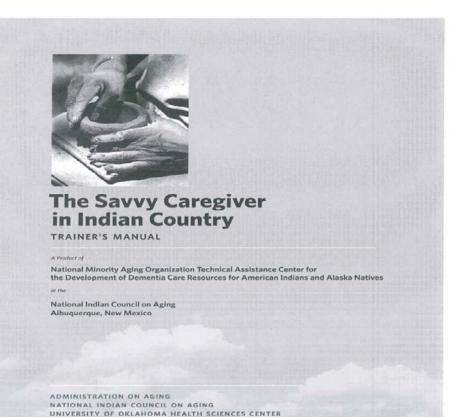
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# ONE YEAR OF EXPANDED SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASSES – AA/ALTSD



SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASS -HISPANICS

Cindy Alford, PhD



# SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASS - NATIVE AMERICANS

### Do you care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia?

Are you so overwhelmed by taking care of someone else that you have neglected your own physical, mental and emotional well-being? If you find yourself without the time to take care of your own needs, you may be putting yourself and your health at risk.

#### Do you...

- Feel like you have to do it all yourself?
- Worry that the person you care for is safe?
- Withdraw from family, friends and activities you once enjoyed?
- Feel grief or sadness that your relationship with the person isn't what it used to be?
- Get frustrated and angry when the person continually repeats things and doesn't seem to listen?
- Have health problems that are taking a toll on you?
- If so...we have programs to

### The Veteran's Project:

- A state funded grant which will enables persons caring for a veteran with Alzheimer's and/ or a veteran caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's to develop a sense of control with practical tools and skills for caregiving
- Education and overview of Alzheimer's disease and Related Dementias
- A Savvy and informed approach to effective caregiving
- Topics covered in the Veteran's Project Savvy Caregivers training course: 12 hours of class work
- Daily Life of Dementia Care giving
- Dealing with Behaviors
- Utilizing friends, family, healthcare providers and the Alzheimer's Association for advice, and help.
- Self-Care



The Veteran's Project is offering the SAVVY Caregiver training for veterans throughout the state of New Mexico

The Alzheimer's Association is currently taking registrants and referrals to this new program

Please call on us for information and assistance 1-800-272-3900

## SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASS - VETERANS

## > SIX GOALS:

- Develop an Adequate Network Structure
- Expand Public Awareness and Dementia Resource Connections
- Support and Empower Unpaid Caregivers
- Expand Research Opportunities in New Mexico
- Support education and training for a Dementia-competent workforce
- Promote quality in all aspects of Alzheimer's disease care, education, public awareness, and research

# FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NM STATE PLAN



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

> Initial Announcement Cooperative Agreement

### Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) Support and Alignment Network (SAN)

Funding Opportunity Number CMS-1L1-15-002 CFDA 93.639

Applicable Dates:

FOA Posting Date: Letter of Intent to Apply Due Date: Electronic Cooperative Agreement Application Due Date: (3:00 p.m. Eastern - 1 Anticipated Issuance of Notices of Award: Anticipated Cooperative Agreement Period of Performance:

October 23, 2014 November 20, 2014 February 5, 2015 Baltimore MD – Time) April 10, 2015 May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2019

Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI)

## SO WHERE WILL THIS LEAD US NEXT? ?FEDERAL FUNDING TO RESUME ECHO?



Tier I Cycle 2 Pipeline to Proposal Awards Application Guidelines

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# AUGUST PCORI TRAINING FOR 30 STAKEHOLDERS AT UNM

- Dementia is the number one behavioral health issue in seniors based upon:
  - Numbers directly affected patients
  - Numbers indirectly affected family and caregivers
  - > Amount of lost productivity patients and caregivers
  - > Amount of money directly and indirectly spent on care
  - > Quality of life for all affected NM residents

# SO, HOW CAN THIS HELP SENIORS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES?

- We, a broad coalition from academia, state and local government bodies, private organizations, businesses, affected individuals and families are working with to:
  - Improve diagnosis of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease
  - Improve treatment and management of symptoms
  - Prevent the development of behaviors leading to acute intervention and long-term institutional care
  - Provide community-based education and support to allow individuals to live at home based on quality-of-life care

# SO, HOW CAN THIS HELP SENIORS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES?

- To today's Quarterly Meeting of the State Dementia Plan Leadership Team starting at 10am this morning at the Association offices!
- <u>http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/93d89f60b10b473</u> <u>2be44e6c31f403060/Alz\_State\_Plan.pdf</u> = state plan on line
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# SO WHERE WILL THIS LEAD ME?