

# Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services

## Winter 2025 Meeting



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## Request for Information Regarding the Impact of Ageism in Healthcare



In response to a letter from Congress AHRQ issued a request for information in the federal register on the **impact of ageism in healthcare** and **methods and strategies to address ageism in healthcare delivery**:

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is seeking information from the public to **understand the impacts of ageism on healthcare quality, including aspects related to safety, timeliness, patient-centeredness, equitable distribution, and care outcomes. How does the effect of ageism differ across different population groups?** We are interested in **identifying efforts and innovative strategies and programs that address and mitigate ageism to optimize older adults' health.**

Comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 2025.

[www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/27/2024-31074/request-for-information-regarding-the-impact-of-ageism-in-healthcare](http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/27/2024-31074/request-for-information-regarding-the-impact-of-ageism-in-healthcare)

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## Notable New Policies in 2025 Final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule CMS 1807-F

- Direct Care Caregiver Training Services
- Safety Planning Intervention for people who may be experiencing a mental health crisis
- Post Discharge Telephonic Follow-Up Contacts Intervention
- Digital Mental Health Treatment
- Advanced Primary Care Management Services
- Direct Care Caregiver Training Services
- Individual Behavior Management/Modification Caregiver Training Services

The final regulation is here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/09/2024-25382/medicare-and-medicaid-programs-cy-2025-payment-policies-under-the-physician-fee-schedule-and-other>

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## Caregiver Training Services (began 1/1/25)

- **Direct Care Caregiver Training Services** (G0541, G0542 and G0543) - Caregiver training in direct care strategies and techniques to support care for people with an ongoing condition or illness and to reduce complications (including, but not limited to, techniques to prevent decubitus ulcer formation, wound dressing changes, and infection control) (without the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes and additional 15 minutes. G0543 is for group caregiver training in direct care strategies and techniques to support care for people with an ongoing condition or illness and to reduce complications (including, but not limited to, techniques to prevent decubitus ulcer formation, wound care, and infection control) (without the patient present), face-to-face with multiple sets of caregivers
- **Individual Behavior Management/Modification Caregiver Training Services** (G0539, G0540) - caregiver training in behavior management/modification for caregiver(s) of people with a mental or physical health diagnosis, administered by a physician or other qualified health care professional (w/o the patient present), face-to face, 30 minutes and additional 15 minutes

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## Mental Health/Related Services (began 1/1/25)


- **Safety Planning Interventions (G0560)** - Safety planning interventions for beneficiaries in crisis, including people with suicidal ideation or at risk of suicide or overdose; may be billed in 20-minute increments when safety planning interventions are personally rendered by the billing practitioner in a variety of settings.
- **Post-Discharge Telephonic Follow-up Contacts Intervention (G0544)** - Monthly billing code that requires specific protocols in furnishing post-discharge follow-up contacts performed in conjunction with a discharge from the emergency department for a crisis encounter; describes four calls in a month.
- **Digital Mental Health Treatment (G0552, G0553, G0554)** – Devices furnished incident to or integral to professional behavioral health services used in with ongoing behavioral health care treatment under a behavioral health treatment plan of care.
- **Advanced Primary Care Management (G0556, G0557, G0558)** - care management codes without time-based thresholds included in the service elements, stratified into three levels based on an individual’s number of chronic conditions and status as a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, and reflecting the patient’s medical and social complexity.

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## Other Items of Interest

- CMS Innovation Center [Accountable Health Communities Model Final Evaluation](#): the model significantly affected expenditures and hospital use, impacts were more pronounced in underserved groups, 40% of screened beneficiaries had at least one health-related social need, transportation improved connections to resources, and more
- CMS released an [updated informational bulletin](#) discussing opportunities for states to cover services and supports in Medicaid and CHIP that address health-related social needs
- CMS compiled a set of resources and tools from the [Resources for Integrated Care](#) website to support providers and payers in delivering integrated, coordinated care for people dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid that may be helpful to behavioral health providers, health plans, health systems, long-term service and support providers, State Medicaid agencies and others: [Resources for Integrated Care page](#)

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## The IHS Alzheimer's Program – Major Quarterly Highlights

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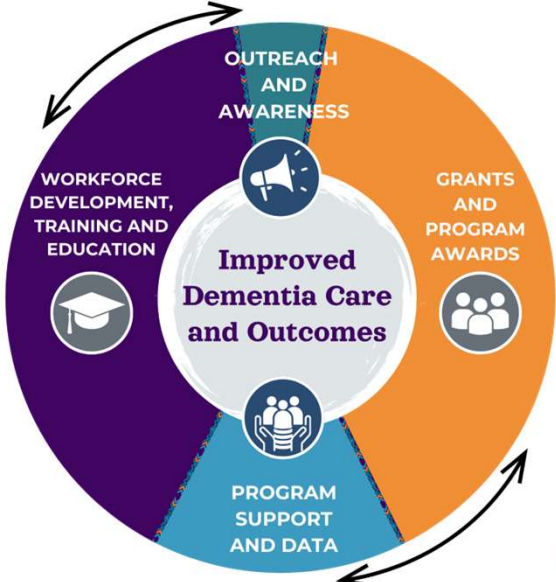
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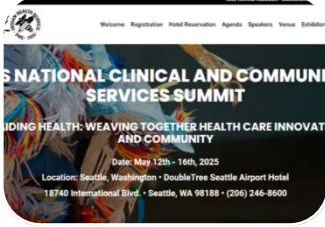


**Improved  
Dementia Care  
and Outcomes**

Funding:  
FY 2021: \$5M  
FY 2022 - FY 2025: \$5.5M

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**Spring Summit with ADRD and Elder Health Focus:**  
May 12-15, 2025


**CHR Mini-Cog® Pilot Raises Dementia Awareness**  
CHR professionals can play a key role in screening for dementia.

The Community Health Representative workforce significantly impacts patients in the home and community setting. They can do this by providing education and community awareness about dementia. This year, we learned from a multi-site pilot that CHRs can also play a critical role in detecting dementia.


According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one every six American Indian and Alaska Native adults aged 45 and older reports [experiencing subjective cognitive decline](#) which can be a precursor to dementia.



**National Family Caregiver Month:**  
Social Media Campaign



**Geriatric Nurse Fellowship:**  
15 Participants from 9 IHS Areas




**Mini-Cog Training Video Series:**  
2 New Videos

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## Stay Connected



**Elder Health Listserv**

Sign up for the IHS Elder Care Listserv to get news & updates to support elder care.




**Biweekly Newsletter**

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA PROGRAM**  
New Workgroup Strengthens Support for Caregivers of People with Dementia

Many people living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia rely on caregivers—often family members or community members—for daily assistance. This essential role, the Indian Health Service (IHS) has prioritized caregiver support care. Building on this commitment, the IHS Alzheimer's Program recently launched a workgroup to strengthen caregiver resources in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

The workgroup was formed in December 2024 and met during 12 virtual and in-person sessions.


Meeting 12 times, the workgroup will continue to strengthen caregiver resources in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.





**Website**

**IHS ALZHEIMER'S PROGRAM**

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## For More Info

The IHS Alzheimer's Program

- [www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/](http://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/)

Education and training resources and opportunities

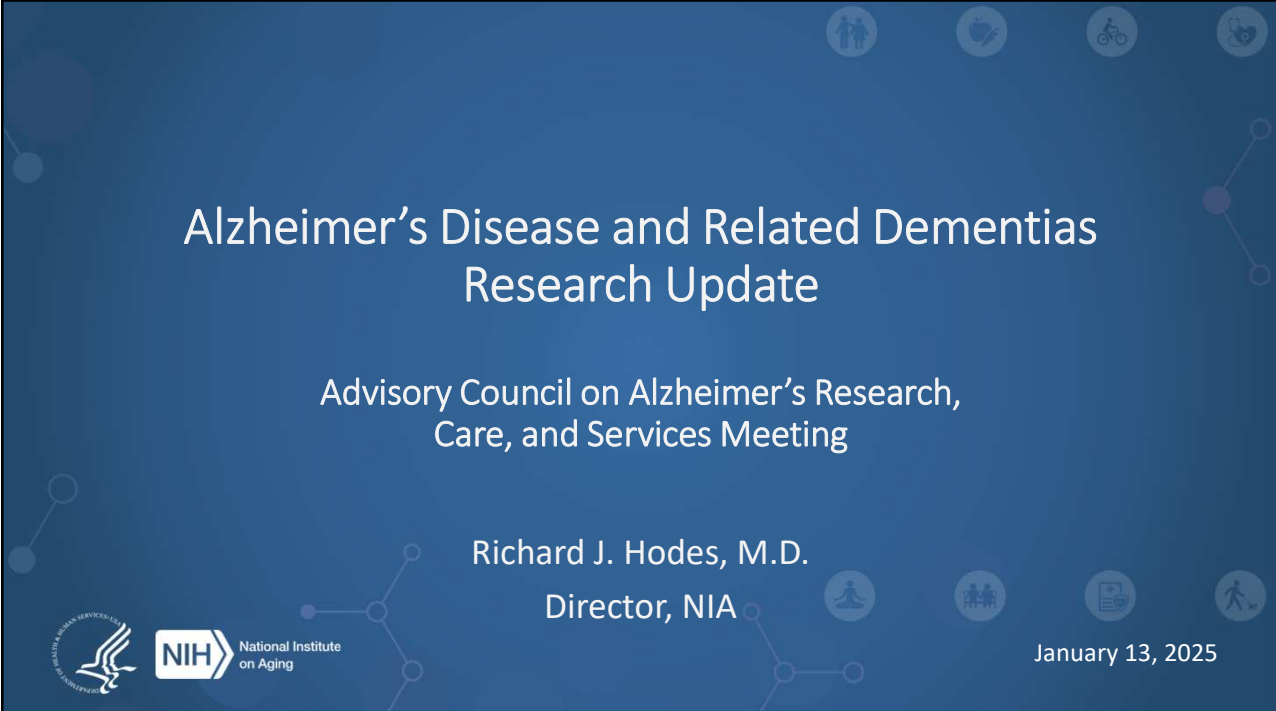
- [www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/alztraining/](http://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/alztraining/)

Dementia information and links

- [www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/informationresources/alzdementiareources/](http://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/informationresources/alzdementiareources/)

Stay Connected and join the [IHS Elder Care Listserv](http://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/) at  
[www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/](http://www.ihs.gov/alzheimers/)



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# Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Research Update

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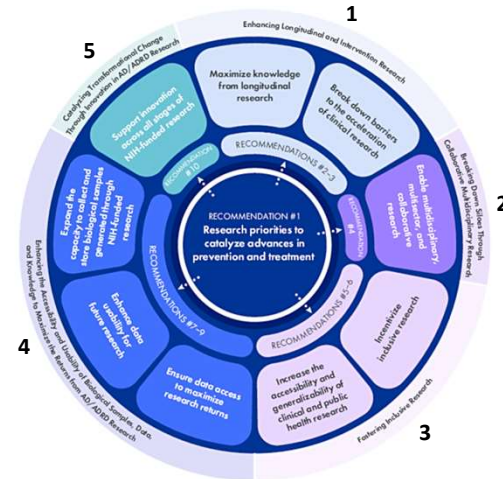


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**Five strategies were recommended to overcome barriers to scientific progress in AD/ADRD research:**

- Enhance longitudinal and intervention research
- Enable multidisciplinary and collaborative research
- Foster inclusive research
- Increase the accessibility and usability of biological samples and data
- Catalyze transformational change through innovative AD/ADRD research

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## Recently Published NIH AD/ADRD Funding Opportunities

- **Alzheimer's Drug-Development Program/**[PAR-24-223](#) (expires Nov. 6, 2027)
- **Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): The Role of the Immune System in Aging Brain and AD/ADRD/**[NOT-AG-24-010](#) (expires Dec. 31, 2027)
- **NIA Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Awards to Promote Diversity in Translational Research for AD/ADRD/**[PAR-24-271](#) (expires Jan. 10, 2025)
- **Small Research Grant Program for the Next Generation of Researchers in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) for Aging and AD/ADRD Research/**[RFA-AG-25-031](#) (expires Feb. 15, 2025)
- **Safety and Efficacy of Amyloid-Beta Directed Antibody Therapy in Mild Cognitive Impairment and Dementia with Evidence of Lewy Body Dementia and Amyloid-Beta Pathology/**[RFA-NS-25-010](#) (expires Jan. 25, 2025)
- **NINDS ADRD Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award/**[PAR-24-213](#) (expires July 13, 2027)
- **ADRD Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity/**[PAR-24-212](#) (expires July 13, 2027)
- **Administrative Supplements to Promote Diversity for NINDS ADRD Awardees/**[NOT-NS-24-071](#) (expires Feb. 15, 2027)


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# Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias Summit 2025

**Scientific Chair:**  
Dr. Katherine Possin, UCSF




*The purpose of the Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias (ADRD) Summit is to set consensus national research recommendations that reflect critical scientific priorities for ADRD research.*

**March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2025; Hybrid of in-person and virtual participation at Natcher Building, NIH Bethesda**


NIH Lead: Dr. Amber McCartney  
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For registration:  
<https://www.ninds.nih.gov/news-events/events/adrd-summit-2025>



**Sessions:**

- Multiple Etiology Dementias (MED) – Research for Implementation of Discoveries into Practice*
- MED – Impact of Exposome on AD/ADRD Risk & Outcomes*
- MED – Post Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) AD/ADRD*
- MED – LATE (TDP-43 in Common Late-Onset Dementias)*
- MED – Basic and Clinical Discovery Research*
- Health Equity in AD/ADRD*
- Frontotemporal Dementias (FTD)*
- Lewy Body Dementias (LBD)*
- Vascular Contributions to Cognitive Impairment and Dementia (VCID)*



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Neurological Disorders  
and Stroke

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## January 2025 Updates



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## Recent Publications

- Use of Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities by Medicare Beneficiaries with Dementia
  - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/use-ipfs-medicare-beneficiaries-dementia>.
- Identifying Employer Supports for Family Caregivers of Older Adults Issue Brief
  - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/identifying-employer-supports-family-caregivers-older-adults>
- Wages of Direct Care Workers Continue to Be Lower in Most States Relative to Other Entry-Level Jobs
  - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/dcw-wages>.
- New Jersey Home Care Workforce Case Study: Final Report
  - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/nj-home-care-workforce-case-study>
- An Overview of Bereavement and Grief Services in the United States: Report to Congress, 2023
  - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/overview-bereavement-grief-services-us>



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# Road Map for American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples

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The new *Healthy Brain Initiative: Road Map for American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples* provides actionable steps for strengthening public health responses to Alzheimer's and other dementias in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Building on the success of the first edition released in 2019, this updated Road Map:

- Focuses on the indigenous determinants of health;
- Has inclusive imagery and graphics;
- Includes examples of public health actions from AI/AN communities.




Road Map for American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples




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## Leadership Committee

- 21 members
- Co-chaired by the Alzheimer’s Association and CDC
- 15/21 members are American Indian or Alaska Native People
- There was also AI/AN representation on each of the staff teams: writing, facilitation, graphics and review

- » **Co-Chair: Carl V. Hill, Ph.D., MPH**, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Alzheimer’s Association
- » **Co-Chair: Lisa C. McGuire, Ph.D.**, Senior Health Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- » **Collette Adamsen, Ph.D., MPA**, (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), Research Assistant Professor, Director of the National Resource Center on Native American Aging, University of North Dakota
- » **Ronny Bell, Ph.D., M.S.**, (Lumbee), Fred Eshelman Distinguished Professor, Chair of Division of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- » **Bill Benson**, President and Executive Director, International Association of Indigenous Aging
- » **Catherine Carrico, Ph.D.**, Clinical Associate Professor, Associate Director, University of Wyoming Center on Aging
- » **Ryan Eagle** (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation), Public Health Research Project Manager, American Indian Public Health Resource Center
- » **Abigail Echo-Hawk, M.A.**, (Pawnee), Director of the Urban Indian Health Institute, Executive Vice President, Seattle Indian Health Board
- » **Bruce Finke, M.D.**, Elder Health Consultant, Indian Health Service
- » **Will Funmaker, MBA, MLT (ASCP)CM**, (Ho-Chunk Nation), Director, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center

- » **R. Turner Goins, Ph.D.**, Ambassador Jeanette Hyde Distinguished Professor, Western Carolina University
- » **R. Kim Hartwig, M.D.**, (Nez Perce/Diné/Cowichan), Medical Director, Nimiipuu Health
- » **J. Neil Henderson, Ph.D.**, (Choctaw), Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota Medical School
- » **Cynthia LaCounte** (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), Director of the Office of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Programs, Administration for Community Living
- » **LaRita Laktonen-Ward, MPH**, (Alutiiq), Project Director for Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Coordinating Center, Senior Program Manager, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- » **Jessica Lewandowski, MBA**, (Cherokee Nation), Patient Experience Manager, Cherokee Nation Health Services
- » **Jordan P. Lewis, Ph.D., MSW**, (Aleut, Native Village of Naknek), Associate Director of the Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team, Professor, University of Minnesota
- » **Twila Martin Kekahbah, M.Ed.**, (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa), TMK Independent Contractor
- » **Julianna Reece, M.D., MPH, MBA**, (Diné/Navajo), Director of the Healthy Tribes Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- » **Billie Toheo** (Otoe-Missouria), Executive Director, National Indian Council on Aging
- » **Chandra Wilson, MSW**, (Modoc/Klamath/Yahooskin), Project Director, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

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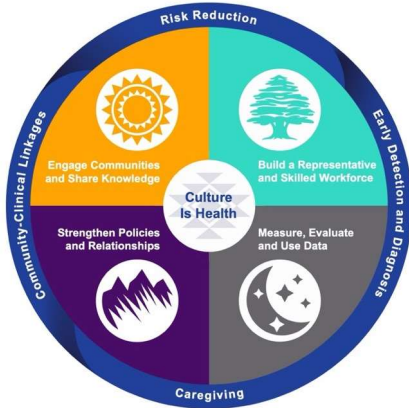
## Road Map Development Timeline

November 2023	Fall/Winter	Spring/Summer	Fall 2024
<p><b>Leadership Committee Convened</b></p> <p>Experts provided guidance and perspective to shape the next version of the HBI Road Map for Indian Country and public health’s role in reducing the population impacts of cognitive decline</p>	<p><b>Open Input Period</b></p> <p>Online written and discussion input sessions to receive public input on the next HBI RMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb/March: Host in-person Leadership Committee Meeting to review feedback and finalize actions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Drafting, Reviewing, and Designing</b></p> <p>Draft the content of the RMIC, finalize design and graphics, complete review sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August: Virtual leadership committee meeting to receive feedback on Road Map draft</li> </ul>	<p><b>Review, Release and Promotion!</b></p> <p>Synthesize feedback and publish in November 2024.</p> <p>Broad dissemination and engagement of the release</p>

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# Framework for the Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map



## Road Map for American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples

The framework for the Road Map consists of four domains built from the Essential Public Health Services. This framework is centered around culture and surrounded by the areas of practice across the life course. The wheel depicts the interconnectedness of these elements showing the essential nature of each in a successful strategy to improve brain health.

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**Engage Communities and Share Knowledge:** Public health engages with AI/AN communities to understand how knowledge can be shared. Public health professionals in the community can then share practices to increase awareness about the factors that influence brain health and ways to maintain or improve cognitive health and ultimately quality of life.

*The sun icon symbolizes warmth, energy and growth as communities engage and share knowledge together.*



**Build a Representative and Skilled Workforce:** Public health is responsible for training and preparing the public health and health care workforce to provide culturally centered and appropriate care to people at risk for or living with dementia while also supporting caregivers.

*The cedar tree icon represents protection and healing. The diverse uses of the tree call to mind the roles of the different members of the workforce.*



**Measure, Evaluate and Use Data:** Public health supports data sovereignty while working with communities to monitor health status, identify and solve community health problems, and evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of health improvement programs. Findings are shared with the community and used to inform programs and policies to improve brain health across the life course.

*The moon icon symbolizes the moon's role as a guide and a timekeeper, signifying transformation and the importance of measurement and data.*



**Strengthen Policies and Relationships:** Public health strengthens, supports and mobilizes community partnerships to improve brain health. It also creates, champions and implements supportive policies and plans by increasing awareness of dementia and its impact among tribal leadership.

*The mountain range icon signifies strength and sacredness, representing the power of policies and relationships.*

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## Implementation Funding Opportunity

### The Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) Road Map

**Champions Program** is a funding opportunity for tribally-led health programs and urban Indian organizations will support the implementation of the public health strategies in the Road Map.

Ten HBI Road Map Champions will be awarded in spring 2025.

Applications for the 9-month grants are open now. [View the application](#) to learn more and reach out to [publichealth@alz.org](mailto:publichealth@alz.org) with questions. Applications close February 21<sup>st</sup>.



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## Register for the Launch Webinar

**January 22 at 2:30pm EST**

*Honoring Traditions and Uplifting Strengths to Promote Brain Health: The HBI Road Map for AI/AN Peoples.*

- Hear from Road Map Leadership Committee members on how they worked to include culturally-centered practices that promote brain health in the Road Map
- Learn how to integrate the Road Map guidance into public health and community-based initiatives



Registration link

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