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Family Caregiver

Cedar Falls Businesses Taking on Dementia Friendly Training

There is a large number of Iowans living with Alzheimer's disease. Currently that number is 66,000 and expected to continue growing. This knowledge makes it imperative to find ways that will allow individuals to live and thrive within their communities. Cedar Falls has close to 30 businesses taking the proper steps to help create environments that are informed, safe and respectful to those living with Alzheimer's disease. To learn more about Dementia Friendly Iowa and how it has already greatly impacted businesses in Cedar Falls visit [here](#)!

If you or someone you know are interested in resources to continue living in the community, contact your local Area Agency on Aging at 866-468-7887.

HHS Releases First Ever National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL), submitted the first ever National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers to Congress. This completes the final mandate of the Respect, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) Family Caregiver Act of 2018. HHS will be opening the Strategy for public comments for 60 days, starting on October 1, 2022. Sign up [here](#) for continuous updates that will be shared by ACL

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Falls Prevention

Iowa Home Modification Partnerships Spotlighted

The Housing and Services Resource Center (HSRC) recently highlighted some of the many successful cross-sector partnerships forming in Iowa to help deliver home modifications to seniors and adults with disabilities. The panel discussion included staff from the Iowa Department on Aging, Connections Area Agency on Aging, Easterseals of Iowa, and Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. Even somewhat minor home modifications and environmental adjustments involve professionals with different responsibilities and skill sets that must be able to effectively communicate and work together. Networking and planning among professionals in different organizations and sectors can start to build the foundation for service delivery that will support individuals aging in place. Click [here](#) to see the panel discussion on relationship building. The complete webinar has great information about the importance and complexities of home modifications in general that can be shared with a wide audience.



Upcoming Events

Becoming a Dementia Friendly Community

Join Megan Zimmerman, Dementia Friendly State Coordinator, on Zoom on Monday November 14, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:00pm to learn more during a FAQ session. Register for the session [here](#).



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The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long-term living and community support services that helps older Iowans maintain health and independence in their homes and communities.