



State Dementia  
Services Coordinator  
Summit

**2023 State DSC Summit**  
**October 3-4, 2023 – Washington, DC**

All Summit events will be hosted at the **Capital Hilton** (1001 16th St NW, Washington, D.C.).

<b>Monday, October 2, 2023</b>	
<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>Travel Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 3, 2023</b>	
8:00am	<b>Registration Opens</b> (Foyer 2, outside of South American on the 2nd floor)
8:00am	<b>Breakfast Buffet Opens</b> (South American)
9:00am	<p><b>Opening Session</b> (South American)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jennifer Rosen</b> Senior Director, State Affairs Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p>
9:15am	<p><b>Embracing A New Era Of Treatment</b></p> <p>Today more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, but as many as half of them are not formally diagnosed. An early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's can improve access to care and support services, enhance quality of life and reduce the financial impact of the disease. As research continues, FDA-approved treatments may benefit individuals and reduce health care expenditures. Families are facing a fatal disease, and are ill-equipped with a health care system that lacks the infrastructure to deliver the care and support they need. This session will focus on the lifecourse of the disease and set the stage for actions state governments can take to give individuals living with Alzheimer's more time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Robert Egge</b> Chief Public Policy Officer Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nicole Purcell, DO, MS</b> Senior Director, Clinical Practice Alzheimer's Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carter Harrison</b> Director, State Regulatory &amp; Legislative Affairs Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p>
10:10am	<p><b>Early Detection and the Path to Equitable Diagnosis</b></p> <p>With the historic approval of treatments that slow the progression of the disease, early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's are even more critical to ensure individuals receive the most benefit at the earliest point possible. However, there is currently no single test that can determine if a person is living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, and the journey to receive a dementia diagnosis is often long and arduous, robbing individuals and their families of precious time. This session will explore the journey to diagnosis and state solutions to address disparities and increase early detection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ravij Ahuja</b> Associate Director, Center for the Future of Aging Milken Institute</p>

	<p><b>Matthew Lee, DrPH, MPH</b> BOLD Center for Excellence on Early Detection of Dementia Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health, Section for Health Equity NYU Grossman School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Andrew Ross</b> Director, State Affairs Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p>
11:10am	<b>BREAK</b>
11:20am	<p><b>The HBI Road Map: A Framework for Public Health Action</b> To achieve the greatest impact and improve brain health of the entire community, public health must take a life course approach. <i>The Healthy Brain Initiative: State and Local Road Map for Public Health, 2023-2027 (HBI Road Map)</i> provides public health officials opportunities to reach diverse communities and reduce health disparities across the life course. The new edition of the HBI Road Map builds on the success to date, advancing equity by fully integrating brain health and caregiving into state and local public health practice, and addressing social determinants of health. This session will focus on providing an overview of the new recommendations and solutions state governments can implement.</p> <p><b>Shelby Roberts, MPH</b> Senior Director, Healthy Brain Initiative Alzheimer's Association</p>
12:05pm	<b>Group Photo</b>
12:10pm	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
1:00pm	<p><b>Growing Capacity for a Dementia Public Health Infrastructure</b> Alzheimer's disease is one of the most critical public health issues in America. Addressing the Alzheimer's and dementia crisis requires a coordinated response across state agencies and divisions within state government. Each state has its own unique needs and challenges. For individuals living with Alzheimer's, developing and implementing a timely and effective state response to this disease is critical. This session will explore how state governments can grow capacity and build an infrastructure that encourages collaboration between local and state authorities, and take action by incorporating dementia into state health assessments, state health improvement plans, and state aging plans.</p> <p><b>Talyah Sands, MPH</b> Director, Health Improvement Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)</p> <p><b>John Shean, MPH</b> Director, Healthy Brain Initiative Alzheimer's Association</p> <p><b>Jessica Link, MSW, LCSW</b> Dementia Coordinator Illinois Department of Public Health</p> <p><b>Cari Eyre</b> Dementia Director Florida Department of Elderly Affairs</p> <p><b>Lynne Korte, MPH</b> Dementia Care Program-Policy Analyst/Manager Washington Department of Health and Human Services</p>

2:00pm	<p><b>From Hill to Mountain: Making Dementia a Priority</b> State departments of health, aging, and human services are faced with an increasing list of challenges to solve and a decreasing amount of resources to get the job done. In the past, dementia was just a tiny cog in a giant wheel and prioritizing a statewide response to dementia seemed like an impossible task. But, with the implementation of the federal BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act, allocation of ACL grants, significant growth in Alzheimer's advocacy - the tide is turning! This session will feature state government experts that found success after establishing dedicated funding streams in the state budget.</p> <p><b>Leslie Best, BSW</b> Senior Public Health Consultant National Association of Chronic Disease Directors</p> <p><b>MaryLea Boatwright Quinn, MSW, LCSW</b> Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Division of Aging Services Georgia Department of Human Services</p> <p><b>David P. Hoffman, DPS, CCE</b> Clinical Professor, Health Policy, Management and Behavior University at Albany, School of Public Health</p> <p><b>Jennifer Craig</b> Coordinator, Office of Dementia Services Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living</p>
3:00pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15pm	<p><b>DISCUSSION: Building The DSC Toolbox</b> Participants will be divided into groups for facilitated discussions that emphasize peer-to-peer insights and opportunities.</p>
5:00pm	<b>Wrap-Up Day 1</b>
5:05pm	<b>BREAK</b>
6:00pm	<b>Networking Reception</b> (North Gate Grill, 1st Floor off of Main Lobby)
7:00pm	<b>Dinner</b> (South American on the 2nd Floor)
8:00pm	<p><b>Evening on Your Own</b> The Hotel is just minutes away from the White House, Dupont Circle and Logan Circle!</p>
<b>Wednesday, October 4, 2023</b>	
7:30am	<b>Breakfast Buffet Opens</b> (South American)
8:30am	<b>Opening Session</b> (South American)
8:45am	<p><b>Caring for the Dementia Caregiver</b> Eighty-three percent of the help provided to older adults in the United States comes from family members, friends or other unpaid caregivers. Alzheimer's takes a devastating toll on these caregivers. Compared with caregivers of people without dementia, twice as many caregivers of those with dementia indicate substantial emotional, financial and physical difficulties. This session will focus on the implementation of programs that support people living with dementia and their caregivers, and highlight a new public health curriculum on health equity and dementia created in partnership with CDC and Emory University that explores dementia-capable systems and dementia-friendly communities.</p>

	<p><b>Joseph E. Gaugler, PhD</b> Director, BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving Professor and Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging University of Minnesota, School of Public Health</p> <p><b>Meghan Fadel</b> Associate Director, Healthy Brain Initiative Alzheimer's Association</p> <p><b>Stephanie Herro</b> Dementia Specialist Oregon Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p><b>Andrew Ross</b> Director, State Affairs Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p>
9:45am	<p><b>2023 BOLD Grants: Latest Developments</b> In August the CDC announced the 2023 recipients of the BOLD Program awards — 43 state and local health departments and tribal health organizations across the country will begin their new awards in October. With additional congressional appropriations to BOLD, CDC expanded the total number of grant recipients (up from 23 in 2020) showing the growing reach and focus of public health on brain health, caregiving and Alzheimer's. This session will provide an update on the impact of the BOLD grants in growing state action on dementia.</p> <p><b>Shelby Roberts, MPH</b> Senior Director, Healthy Brain Initiative Alzheimer's Association</p> <p><b>Michael Bruhn</b> Director, State Affairs Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p>
10:30am	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
10:45am	<p><b>Streamlining the Care Journey: Advancing Dementia Care Management</b> Caring for an individual living with dementia involves many unique and often challenging elements. Dementia care management is a model of care that enables individuals living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers to more seamlessly navigate the health care and social support systems and obtain more timely access to care. This session will provide an overview of dementia care management and how state governments can engage local health systems and utilize the state Medicaid program to advance dementia care management in the state.</p> <p><b>Tina Thomas, DHA, MHPS</b> Executive Director, Memory Care and Center for Excellence in Aging and Lifelong Health Riverside Health System</p> <p><b>Carter Harrison</b> Director, State Regulatory &amp; Legislative Affairs Alzheimer's Association/AIM</p> <p><b>To be Announced</b></p>
11:45am	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>

12:45pm	<b>DISCUSSION: Building the DSC Toolbox</b> Participants will be divided into groups for facilitated discussions that emphasize peer-to-peer insights and opportunities.
2:15pm	<b>Closing Session</b>
2:30pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>

**PARTICIPANTS**

**STATES (18+DC):** California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

**ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS:**

- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving
- BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Early Detection of Dementia
- Council of State Governments (CSG)
- Milken Institute
- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD)

**Session Speaker Bios**



**Additional Resources**

