

American Indian Voice in Alzheimer's and Caregiver Policy
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Current clients

- Wellmed Charitable Foundation, Nevada Senior Services
- Alzheimer's Association (National Public Health office)
- International Association for Indigenous Aging (IA²)
- International Psychogeriatric Association
- Woolsey Pharmaceuticals, ACL reviewer
- Consumer Voice/National Ombudsman Resource Center
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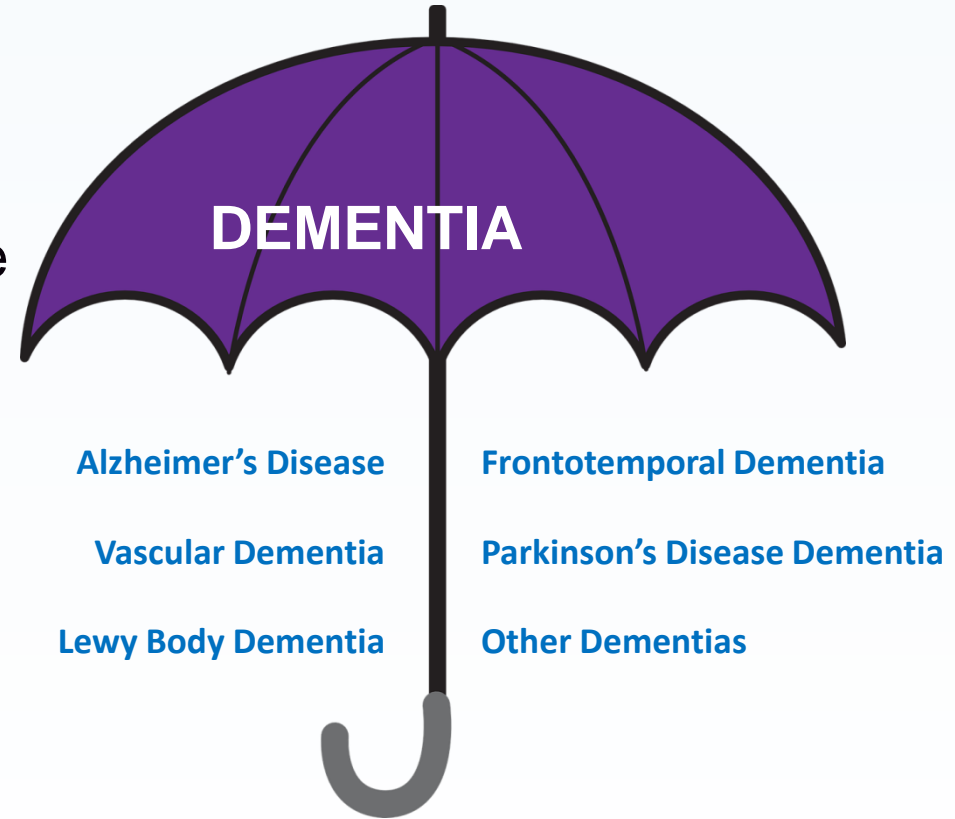
- None of my clients have control over this presentation.
- Thanks to International Indigenous Aging Association for the opportunity to preview these findings with you.
- Thanks to the Alzheimer's Association for the dementia umbrella slide and the wedge slide.

Path today

- Introductions and ground rules
- Some background information on Alzheimer's and dementia
- Public health and law
- Examples of positive law/policy action on dementia
- Discussion

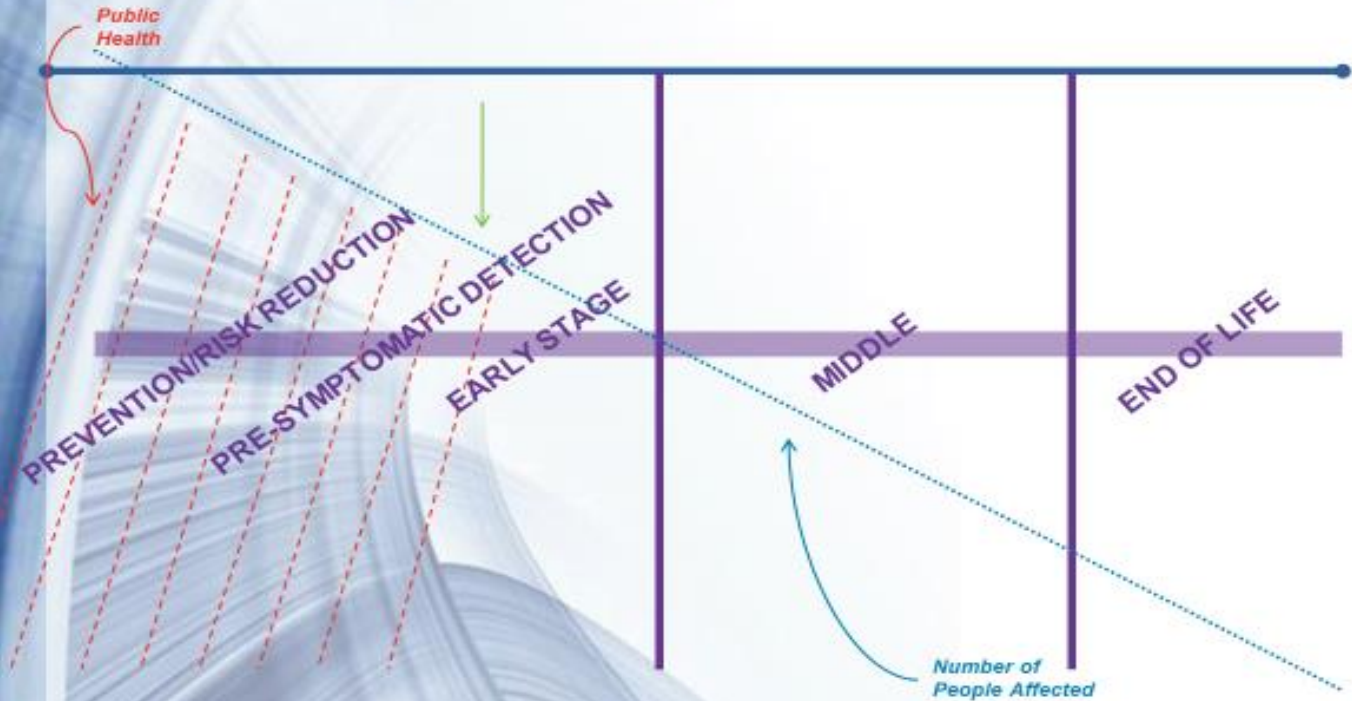
What is Dementia?

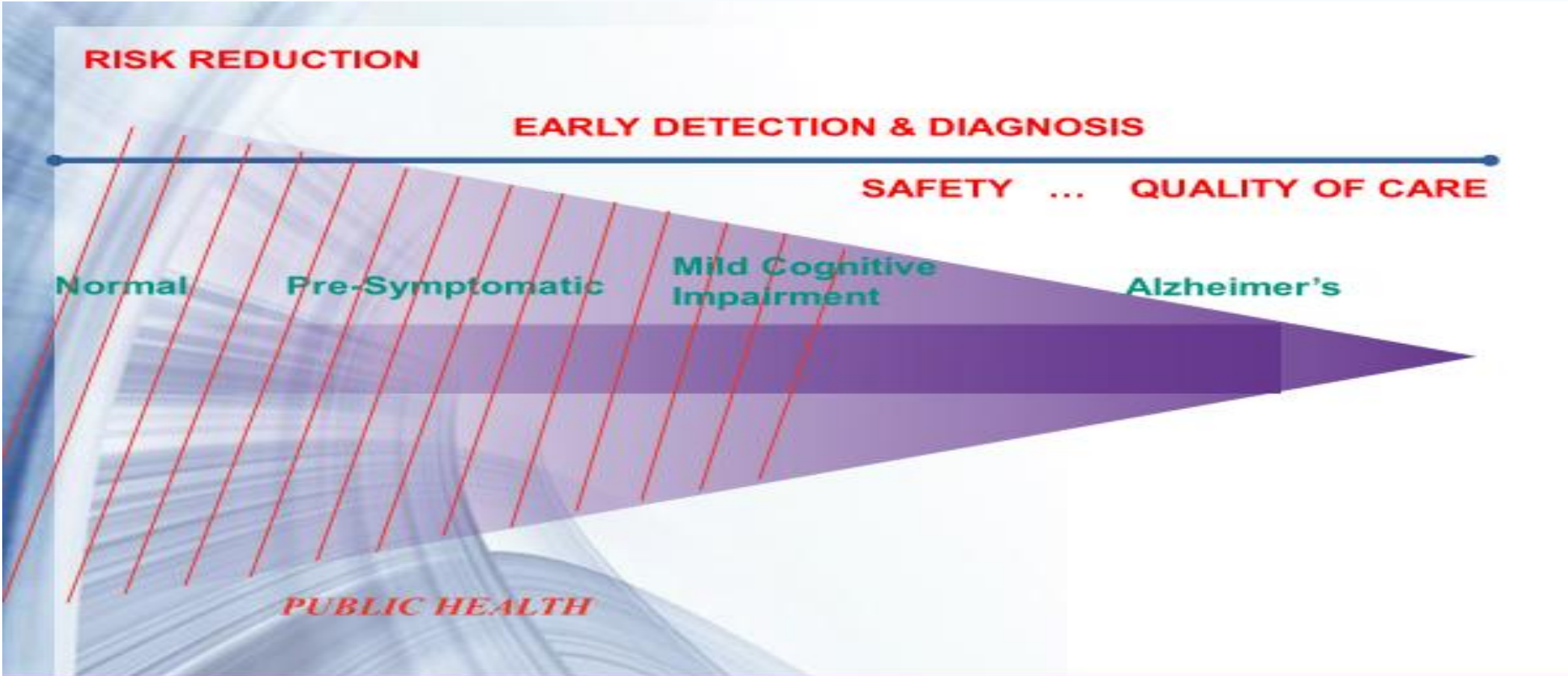
- Dementia is the loss of cognitive functioning and behavioral abilities that interfere with daily life
- **Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia**
- Many (maybe majority) of dementia cases have multiple causes



SOURCE: Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, *Alzheimer's & Dementia* (2019)

A Comprehensive Approach to Alzheimer's

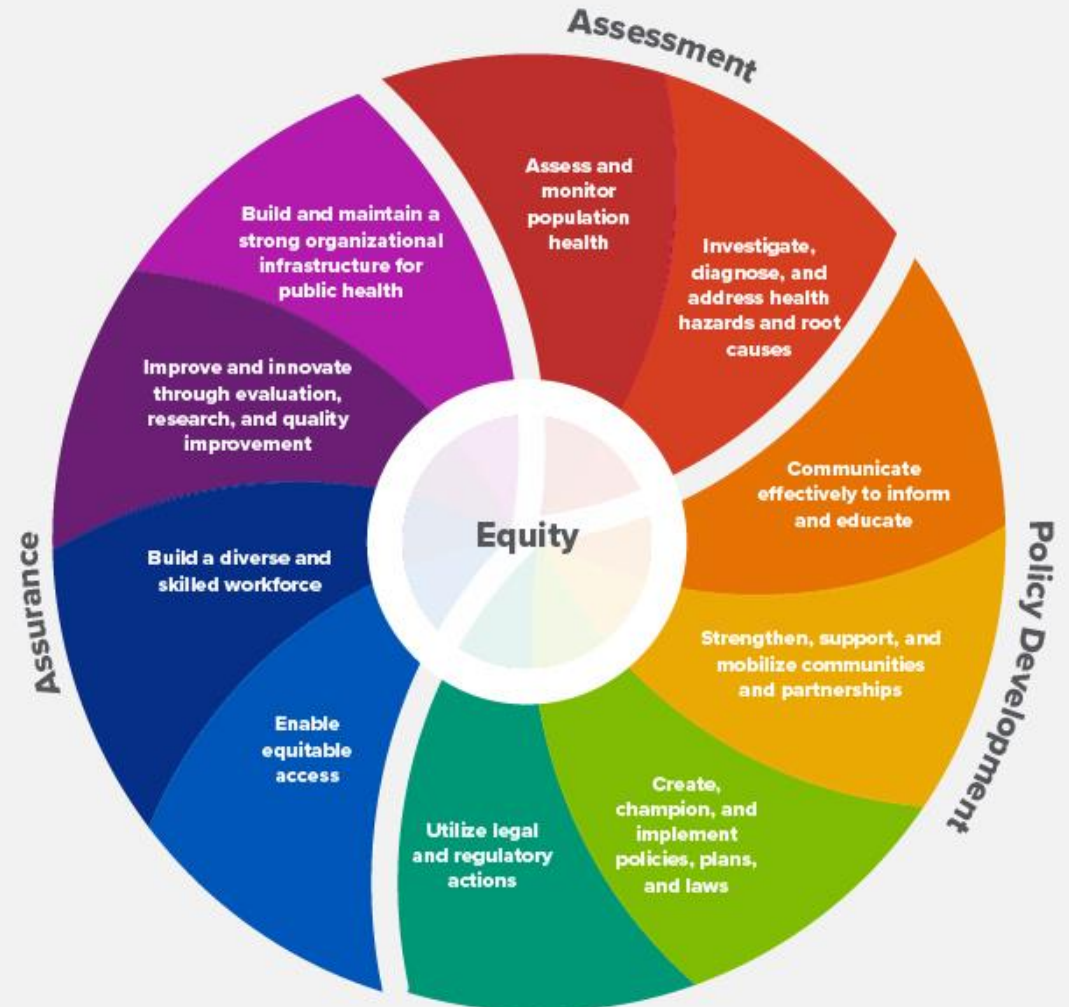




Law is an essential public health service.

THE **10** ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities



Examples of public health law

- Seat belts
- Smoking
- Vaccines
- Elder Justice <https://www.nieji.org/>

All the laws!



Many different players!

- Federal
- State
- Tribal code and tradition
- Regulations
- Publicly funded activities

Recent Study for International Indigenous Aging Association

- ▣ Tribal law
- ▣ Cross over tribal and state laws
- ▣ State Alzheimer plans

- ▣ <http://iasquared.org/wordpress2>

State Alzheimer Plans

	Alaska	Oklahoma	New Mexico	South Dakota	Montana	North Dakota	Arizona	Wyoming	Oregon	Washington
Plan year	2012	2018-2022	2017	2018	2016	Update Pending	2015	2018	2012 update pending	2014, 2019
Significant inputs	X		X		X					X
Culturally tailored awareness	X		X	x	X					X
Research participation	x	X	X							
Special tribal-based support programs			x		x					X
Ongoing workgroup		X clinical trial participation		X Surve for needs						x

Other National AD plans

- Canada
- New Zealand
- Australia
- Even US!

Your direction? Discussion

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