

# Alzheimer's Disease: Risk Factors Among Native Elders in the U.S.

**DHHS Region 1**

## Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

Out of a sample of 571 American Indian, Alaska Native Elders, & Descendants over the age of 55 in the US:

**4.5%**

reported being diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, or other problems with memory or thinking (n = 25)

**6.3%**

reported that someone they are helping care for has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, or other problems with memory or thinking (n = 29)

**88.2%**

of those diagnosed or caring for someone with Alzheimer's reported that they were diagnosed in a timely way once they started noticing problems (n = 30)

