ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

CAREGIVER SUPPORT BY THE NUMBERS

ADULT CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OFTEN SERVE AS CAREGIVERS FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER’S

An estimated 448,000 people in North Carolina provided unpaid care for family members with dementia in 2014.

The value of the care they provided was approximately $6.2 BILLION.

As the disease progresses, the emotional burden increases for caregivers

Caregivers often:

- Miss Work
- Must handle logistics of finding additional care
- May experience increased stress, anxiety, depression, and adverse physical effects

The burden on North Carolina caregivers will greatly increase

The ratio of potential caregivers for each older adult in the state will sharply decline from 8.0 in 2010 to 3.9 in 2030.

As the caregiver ratio declines, there will be a larger financial, emotional, and logistical burden on individuals and families.


IN COMING YEARS...

NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE (NCIOM) RECOMMENDATIONS

Ensure adequate funding for family caregiver support services including dementia-specific respite through North Carolina Project C.A.R.E.

Enhance employer policies to support family caregivers

Continue No Wrong Door Initiative through a Collaboration with NC 2-1-1

Enhance funding for evidence-based or evidence-informed home and community based programs

Expand the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program

Promote integration and accessibility of dementia-specific resources through a comprehensive caregiver toolkit and virtual resource center

Implement best practices for the integration and coordination of home and community based services

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