

The Knight Family Dementia Care Coordination Initiative *at the Alzheimer's Association*[®]

Thanks to a generous commitment from the Charles F. & Joanne Knight Family, the Alzheimer's Association launched the **Knight Family Dementia Care Coordination (DCC) Initiative** in Missouri and Illinois in 2019. Through the initiative, the Alzheimer's Association will form partnerships with health systems in Missouri and Illinois to improve care for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementias by coordinating care between healthcare providers, the Alzheimer's Association and people living with dementia and their caregivers.



Benefits of the Knight Family Dementia Care Coordination Initiative:

For Healthcare Providers

- Access to an **early and comprehensive course of care**.
- Reduced burden on clinicians by **optimizing health care team roles**.
- A unified approach for **better management of all diseases** or conditions in a patient.
- Increased confidence to **provide comprehensive assessment**, accurate diagnosis and disclosure.
- Improved management of related- and non-related symptoms and behaviors.

For Health Systems:

- **Reduce healthcare costs** through lower dementia related emergency room visits and hospitalizations.
- DCC model is evidence based, low-cost and easy to implement and replicate.
- **Increased access to community**; Improved population health with reduced disparities in care.

Under the **Knight Family Dementia Care Coordination Initiative**,

- We **partner with health systems**.
- We provide **CEU- accredited professional training** to the clinical staff and **dementia- awareness training** for the non-medical staff.
- Partner health providers **refer people living with dementia to the Alzheimer's Association**.
- *Our clinical staff reaches out to caregivers to:*
 - Form **customized care plans**.
 - Provide access to **disease education programs** and **community resources**.
 - **Support** them to effectively manage their loved ones' symptoms and behaviors.
- The clinical staff at Alzheimer's Association shares **summary care plan** with the referring provider.

The Alzheimer's Association services also include a **24/7 Helpline**, **interactive online tools**, **support groups**, and **early stage engagement programs**.