Alaska needs dementia-focused long-term support services for Alaskans with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia (ADRD), health care providers who understand Alzheimer’s disease, and improved supports and training for unpaid caregivers.

**HERE’S WHY**

- 6,100 Alaskans age 65+ suffer from Alzheimer’s disease.
- That number is projected to nearly double by 2025.
- Average Medicaid payments for people with ADRD are 19 times greater than those without.
- 75% of care is provided by unpaid caregivers between the ages of 45-64.
The purpose of the Alaska Roadmap to Address Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Dementia (ADRD) is to increase public awareness about Alzheimer’s disease (and reduce stigma for persons with ADRD), understand the current impact in Alaska, and develop a set of goals, strategies, and performance measures to address this disease long term.

Information from the 2013 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, statewide community forums, unpaid caregivers survey results, and previous long-term care planning documents will be included in the Roadmap.

The Roadmap is a joint effort of the Alaska Commission on Aging, The Trust, Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska, Senior and Disabilities Services, Alaska Pioneer Homes, and AARP Alaska.