

Current State of Public and Private Resources in the State of CT for People with IDD who have Dementia

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Purpose for Investigation

- Substitute for House Bill 5001, Public Act No. 23-137, Section 19
 - Prevalence of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other related conditions amongst aging adults with IDD
 - Public and Private Programs

Current Research

- Life Expectancy Increasing
 - Down Syndrome
 - 1983- 23; current-60
- Higher rates of age-related health conditions
 - ½ people with Down Syndrome, 60+, effected by dementia
- Diagnostic Challenges
 - Low rates of early-identification
- Disruption to an Individual's life

(Head et al. 2012), (McCarron et al. 2018), (Bishop et al. 2015), (Dennehy et al. 2023)

Methodology

- Website Review
 - 8 Public
 - 26 Private
- Inclusion Criteria
 - Mention dementia, Alzheimer's, Alzheimer, memory, Parkinson's
 - A person with IDD can participate

Results

- 3 Public Programs
 - Alzheimer's Respite Care
 - Connecticut Brain Health
 - CT Statewide Respite Care Program
- 1 Private Program
 - Star Inc., Lighting the Way
 - Senior & Memory Care Day Services

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