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## August 2018 Newsletter

### **New Community Joins DFA: New Oxford/Hanover, PA**

Dementia Friendly America's newest member community—New Oxford/Hanover, PA—is off to a great start with an advisory committee comprised of representatives from various sectors that play a role in ensuring their community meets the needs of individuals living with dementia and their caregivers, including long-term care, in-home care, real estate, health care, legal services. This advisory committee also benefits from the guidance and leadership of a person living with dementia and a caregiver. The committee is assessing current practices, gaps and opportunities in their community and has plans to launch a dementia-friendly business initiative.

### **Dementia-Friendly Transportation highlighted at n4a Conference**

Dementia-friendly transportation networks were highlighted at the n4a conference during a pre-conference intensive in partnership with the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center and with colleagues from the U.S. Administration on Aging, Dementia Friends Maryland, Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging, and Michigan Area Agency on Aging 1-B. The session focused on making connections between the transportation needs of individuals with dementia and their caregivers and existing transportation networks. The session highlighted a community event in Prince George's County, Maryland, that brought together transportation providers, care partners and dementia-friendly partners to discuss options for better supporting persons with dementia and care partners. Area Agencies on Aging in northeastern Illinois and southeast Michigan discussed their work to ensure dementia-friendly transportation in their communities. To learn more about the session, view [the PowerPoint presentation from the session](#). Also check out DFA's [transportation video vignette](#) and [transportation resources](#) section of our website.

### **Dementia Friends is Coming to Washington State**

Dementia Friends Washington is coming to Washington State through the leadership of the Dementia Action Collaborative, a public-private partnership implementing the Washington State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias. Dementia Friends is a global movement to raise awareness about dementia. With more than 22,000 Dementia Friends across the United States and millions of Dementia Friends worldwide, the Dementia Friends initiative fosters awareness of dementia and how it affects people. Dementia Friends commit to taking an action—from something as small as telling friends about the program to visiting someone who is living with dementia, the key is that every action counts. Anyone of any age can be a Dementia Friend—we all have a part to play in creating dementia-friendly communities. To learn more and get connected to an initiative in your state visit the [Dementia Friends website](#).

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Dementia Friendly Awareness Days. Issued during the annual Community Day festival, the proclamation recognized that more than 15,000 people live with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia in the Lake County area. North Chicago has a Dementia Friendly Advisory Committee that works with the city, residents, business and other stakeholders to address stigma and isolation related to dementia.

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### **Webinar on Dementia Friendly Law Enforcement and First Response**

The recording of the July DFA webinar on dementia-friendly law enforcement and first responder best practices is now available in DFA's [webinar archive](#). The webinar and a wealth of key resources that can help first responders and law enforcement stakeholders in your community become dementia friendly are available on the DFA [on our website](#)! We've recently added videos from Alzheimer's Orange County on supporting individuals who are wandering, during home encounters or while stopped in traffic.

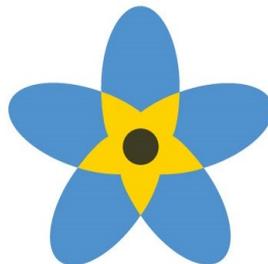
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### **Seeking Youth Resources for DFA Website Resources**

Dementia Friendly America continues to expand its resources and recently added a [youth resources section](#) to our website. Is your dementia friendly community initiative working with youth? We'd like to hear from you! [Contact us by email](#) and share how you're working with youth in your community and share youth resources to help us continue to grow our website!

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## **Dementia Friends USA**



There Are **22,222** Dementia Friends across the United States. Join the Movement by [becoming a Dementia Friend](#)!

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### **Dementia Friendly America**

Starting a Dementia Friendly Community initiative? Contact [Dementia Friendly America](#) for resources and support!

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### **Resources**

- [Alzheimer's Orange County, Police and First Responders Training Videos](#)
  - [MoMA Alzheimer's Project: Making Art Accessible to People with Dementia](#)
  - ["Older Adults Meet Me at MoMA and Beyond" Presentation](#)
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### **In the News**

- [Tempe to train first responders to better care for those with dementia](#) (ABC 15, Arizona, August 14, 2018)

- [Dementia friendly Missoula is becoming a reality](#) (The Missoulian, August 2, 2018)
- [More Than Senior Moments: Better Dementia Detection Is Urged](#) (US News & World Report, July 22, 2018)
- [Poetry Project Aims to Reach Patients With Dementia](#) (US News & World Report, July 15, 2018)
- [Citrus County residents form nonprofit for dementia education](#) (Bay News 9, July 26, 2018)

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### Upcoming Events

- [Improving Healthcare for People Living with Dementia](#) – NADRC Webinar (September 12, 2018)
- [National Alzheimer's Summit](#) - USAgainstAlzheimer's (September 24 – 26)
- [Prior Trauma, Aging and the Experience of Care Recipients](#) – AFA Webinar (September 13, 2018)
- [Potential Risks and Benefits of Hospitalizations for Persons with Dementia](#) – AFA webinar (October 11, 2018)
- [Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging conference](#) (includes a Dementia Friends session) (September 30 - October 3, 2018)

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