

# DEMENTIA CAREGIVER RESOURCES, INC.

## THE DEMENTIA DETAILS DISPATCH MARCH 2026

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→ **Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> - 1:30PM**

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Florida law (House Bill 801) requires the **Florida Department of Law Enforcement** to collaborate with the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) to create a specialized online training program on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers. The curriculum covers critical skills for interactions including:

**Recognition:** Identifying behavioral symptoms, such as wandering or cognitive decline, that may be misinterpreted as combativeness or other criminal behavior.

**Communication:** Utilizing effective verbal and non-verbal communication strategies.

**Safety:** Implementing alternatives to physical restraints and de-escalation techniques.

**Protection:** Identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to which individuals with cognitive decline are particularly vulnerable.



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In 2026, major Alzheimer's news focuses on breakthroughs in early detection and continued research into lifestyle factors. A significant study highlights a new blood test measuring the protein p-tau217, which can predict the onset of Alzheimer's symptoms roughly three to four years in advance. Additionally, recent research suggests that higher caffeinated coffee intake is associated with a lower risk of dementia.



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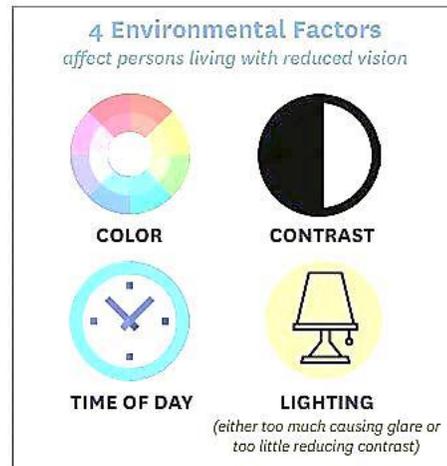
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There is currently no "dementia village" in Florida modeled after the famous Dutch village of Hogeweyk. But the first official "dementia village" in the United States is currently under development in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, (near Madison), by the nonprofit organization Agrace. This village is designed as a fully enclosed, self-contained town with streets, shops, and restaurants to mimic a normal, independent life. *To find out more information, Visit:* <https://hogeweyk.dementiavillage.com/> Or <https://www.agrace.org/find-care/dementia-village/>

FTD can be very dangerous for the person who has it and for their caregivers. According to Mayo Clinic, **Frontotemporal dementia** (FTD) poses significant risks due to progressive damage in brain areas that control impulse, judgment, and behavior. Individuals often experience impaired decision-making, leading to dangerous actions such as reckless driving, financial exploitation, impulsive crimes, or inappropriate social conduct. These changes also frequently include disinhibition, poor judgment, and a lack of empathy. As the disease advances, physical complications—including balance issues, falls, swallowing difficulties, and increased susceptibility to infections like pneumonia—become major health threats that often require 24-hour care. Visit: <https://www.theaftd.org/>

**Is someone you know eligible for additional VA benefits?** The PACT Act, signed into law on August 10, 2022, expands **VA Disability Benefits** for veterans exposed to toxic substances by adding over 20 presumptive conditions, including cancers (brain, gastrointestinal, kidney, melanoma, pancreatic, reproductive, respiratory, etc.) and illnesses (asthma, COPD, chronic bronchitis, rhinitis, sinusitis, Sarcoidosis, etc.). These presumptions apply to Gulf War and post-9/11 veterans, as well as specific Vietnam-era veterans exposed to toxins. For additional information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>



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