



# WISCONSIN DEMENTIA CARE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## PERSONAL LIBERTIES

People with dementia deserve the highest quality of life possible with the least restrictions placed on their personal liberties.

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Dementia-related education, guidance and resources for community members should be easily accessible.

## EARLY DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS

All individuals deserve to have access to early screening for dementia, followed by an accurate assessment, diagnosis and prompt referral for services.

## INDEPENDENCE AND CHOICE

People living with dementia deserve to have the highest degree of independence and choice possible.

## INDIVIDUALIZED CARE AND SERVICES

People living with dementia deserve to receive care and services designed around their unique preferences, culture and values.

## MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES

People living with dementia deserve to have opportunities to engage in meaningful activities.

## COORDINATED SYSTEMS

Caregivers and health care professionals should work as a team to provide effective care for people living with dementia.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

People caring for individuals living with dementia should have the knowledge, skills and abilities to provide effective support.

## COMMUNICATION THROUGH BEHAVIORS

Caregivers should view behaviors as a form of communication and strive to identify the cause and solutions.

## ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING SPACE

The living space for people with dementia should provide safety and the comforts of home.

