

APPOINTMENTS

Schedule an appointment with the Dementia Care Specialist to help meet your needs.

Appointments can be held:

- At the ADRC
- In your home
- Based upon your schedule

“Life changes with dementia, but people can still live well.”



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DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST

Serving Individuals, Families,
and the Community

WHAT IS A DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST (DCS)?

The Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) is a person employed by the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) who is responsible for assisting individuals and families living with dementia to continue to be active in their community and remain in their homes for as long as they are able.

The Specialist will also ensure the ADRC staff and those of other county programs are knowledgeable about dementia and are prepared to meet the needs of the people they serve in a supportive, helpful manner.

Additionally, it is the goal of this program to be a catalyst for the development of dementia friendly communities. This involves raising awareness of the unique needs of people with dementia and their families to local businesses, employers, faith communities, civic organizations, etc.

Dementia friendly communities allow people to remain meaningfully engaged in activities and organizations they have enjoyed throughout their lives.

WE CAN HELP

- Complete memory screens for those individuals who question whether they are having memory issues and offer options for follow-up that they can consider.
- People and their families plan for their future by providing information on what to expect, decisions they may want to consider in advance and resources available to support people living with those changes.
- Local businesses interested in learning how to best serve customers who are experiencing memory loss.
- Provide education to local businesses, organizations, faith communities, and civic groups about the impact of dementia and how they can support and assist their employees, members, friends and neighbors.
- Encourage healthcare providers to adopt person-centered care strategies and training to best support those living with dementia.



WHO SHOULD CONTACT THE DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST?

- Anyone who is experiencing changes in their memory, thinking or communication abilities or providing support and assistance to someone who is experiencing these changes.
- Caregivers that are overwhelmed with the prospect of dealing with everything on their plate.
- People with early memory loss that are interested in being proactive to remain as healthy and independent as possible and engaged in meaningful activities.
- Businesses, organizations, and faith communities who realize their employees and members need to improve their skills for interacting and communicating with people living with dementia.

Contact the ADRC at 715-839-4735 today to learn about all the programs and opportunities in the community to help you or a loved one stay independent, active and informed.

The number of people affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias continues to grow dramatically and the impact on relationships, employment, lifestyle and our local communities is tremendous.