

Frequently Asked Questions

Virginia Dementia State Plan: Statewide Listening Sessions

Question: What is the Virginia Dementia State Plan?

Answer: The Virginia Dementia State Plan is a planning document from the Virginia Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission. The Virginia Dementia State Plan outlines a strategic, coordinated approach to respond to dementia-related needs throughout the Commonwealth. It includes goals, objectives and strategies that Virginia can employ to ensure the state is prepared to support individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Question: Where can I find the Virginia Dementia State Plan?

Answer: The Virginia Dementia State Plan is available at www.alzpossible.org. If you need a hard copy, please contact your local Alzheimer's Association chapter or the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services at the information below.

Question: Who should come to the public listening sessions?

Answer: Individuals with dementia and mild cognitive impairment as well as family caregivers are particularly encouraged to attend the public listening sessions. Professionals are welcome as well.

Question: What will happen at the public listening sessions?

Answer: Members of the Virginia Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission along with staff from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Alzheimer's Association chapters in Virginia will host the sessions. They will provide an overview of the Virginia Dementia State Plan and accomplishments made to improve Virginia's dementia response in the last four years. Attendees will be encouraged to speak about the Virginia Dementia State Plan, their dementia care needs and challenges that they face in dealing with dementia. However, attendees are not required to speak. Depending on attendance, comments may be time limited to ensure opportunities for all to be heard.

Question: Do I need to RSVP to the public listening sessions?

Answer: No. RSVPs are not required. However, if you would like to speak at a public listening session, you will be asked to sign-up when you arrive.

Question: What if I cannot attend a public listening session?

Answer: If you cannot attend a public listening session, you may still submit comments on the Virginia Dementia State Plan. Comments can be received by mail, e-mail or telephone using the information below:

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