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## RIVER FOREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

- CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER
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## **ALZHEIMER'S**

is a specific brain disease that accounts for **60-80%** of dementia cases.

↪ Alzheimer's Is A Type Of Dementia ↪

↪ Alzheimer's Is A Cause Of Dementia ↪



## **DEMENTIA**

is a general term for symptoms like decline in **memory, reasoning or other thinking skills.**



Dementia Friendly  
**ILLINOIS**

A Member of the Dementia Friendly America Network

RIVER FOREST WAS AMONG THE FIRST 5 COMMUNITIES IN ILLINOIS TO RECEIVE THE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY DESIGNATION.



# WHAT IS DEMENTIA FRIENDLY?

- MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM LED BY CONCORDIA'S GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM DIRECTOR, DR. LYDIA MANNING.
- WHAT IS OUR GOAL: TO ACHIEVE GREATER COMMUNITY AWARENESS AMONG KEY ORGANIZATIONS (BUSINESSES, BANKS, RETAIL CHAINS HOSPITALS AND FIRST RESPONDERS) TO MAKE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA IN RIVER FOREST.
- TRAINING THESE KEY ORGANIZATIONS TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO A PERSON IN CRISES SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA.
- MODEL FOR OTHER STATES - SUMMER PRACTICUM



# Taking an All Sectors Approach

Every part of community has a unique role in contributing to dementia friendliness



**Dementia Friendly  
Essentials**



**Banks and Financial  
Services**



**Neighbors and  
Community Members**



**Legal and Advance  
Planning Services**



**Government, Community,  
and Mobility Planning**



**Health Care Throughout  
the Continuum**



**Independent Living**



**Communities of Faith**



**Businesses**



**Government: Emergency  
Planning and Response**



**Memory Loss Supports  
and Services**



**Additional Guide  
Resources**



in fostering meaningful access to and engagement in community life for people living with dementia and their family and friend care partners. As we each take steps forward to foster support, a community emerges that is informed, safe, and respectful in order to foster quality of life for those living with dementia and their care partners.





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## SILVER SEARCH

- SILVER SEARCH LEGISLATION WAS PASSED IN IL IN 2016.
- A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SEVERAL DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATION TO BRING AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCES TO HELP RETURN A PERSON WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA HOME SAFELY WHEN THEY GET LOST.
- SILVER SEARCH FOCUSES ON PROVIDING PROACTIVE TRAINING, AND REACTIVE TECHNOLOGY TO QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY LOCATE SOMEONE THAT HAS ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA THAT GOES MISSING.



# Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT)



- FUNDED BY THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE – OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.
- PROJECT MANAGER, MAYRA CHACON – DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY WELLNESS CENTER
- PROMOTE AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS.
- RIVER FOREST POLICE DEPARTMENT, DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY DEANS, HUMAN RESOURCES, WELLNESS CENTER, CAMPUS SAFETY, PILLARS, SARAH'S INN



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- A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM OF FACULTY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, RA'S, LOCAL PROSECUTORS, COACHES, SANE NURSES, SOCIAL SERVICES
- UPDATE FALL 2020 WHERE ARE WE NOW?





QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU!

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