As awareness of dementia grows, we can take action to create dementia friendly communities. Whether you are implementing the Dementia Friendly Community Toolkit or you are a community or organization interested in fostering dementia readiness, Dementia Friendly America resources can guide you as you work toward becoming a dementia friendly community.

AN ALL SECTORS APPROACH

Every part of the community has a unique role in meaningfully supporting people with dementia and their family and friend care partners. The following sector guides provide information, resources, and actions that specific sectors can take. The information is designed for these community sectors:

- Memory Loss Supports and Services
- Banks and Financial Services
- Neighbors and Community Members
- Emergency Planning and First Response
- Independent Living
- Communities of Faith
- Care Throughout the Continuum
- Businesses
- Legal and Advanced Planning Services
- Transportation, Housing, and Public Spaces

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**SHARED COMMUNITY ACTION**

In addition to helping each community sector become more dementia friendly, consider using the Dementia Friendly Community Toolkit which provides tools and resources to support your community across a four phase collaborative process. It entails convening a group to move the initiative forward, engaging the community to assess the community, analyzing findings, and acting together to implement a plan to work toward a dementia friendly vision.

1. **Phase 1**
   - **Convene** key community leaders and members to understand dementia and its implications for your community. Then, form an Action Team.

2. **Phase 2**
   - **Engage** key leaders to assess current strengths and gaps in your community using a comprehensive engagement tool.

3. **Phase 3**
   - **Analyze** your community needs and determine the issues stakeholders are motivated to act on; then set community goals.

4. **Phase 4**
   - **Act** together to establish implementation plans for your goals and identify ways to measure progress.

The Dementia Friendly Community Toolkit is available at [http://www.dfamerica.org/toolkit/](http://www.dfamerica.org/toolkit/)