

Dementia Care Programs

Dementia Friendly America is a national network of communities, organizations and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in the community and engage and thrive in day-to-day living. Dementia Friendly America is administered by **USAgging**. Dementia Friendly America **offers certification for businesses** that would like to show their customers and clients they are friendly to those in their communities who live with dementia.



Dementia Friends

Utilizing the prescribed protocols of Dementia Friendly Indiana, Thrive Alliance is collaborating with community partners to assist in joining communities across the nation now actively preparing for the increasing number of people who will have dementia as the general population ages. The Dementia Friends program raises awareness of and develops respect and inclusion of individuals with dementia.



Music and Memory

Thrive Alliance is certified as an In-Home Music and Memory provider. Grounded in extensive research, Music and Memory helps individuals living with a wide range of cognitive challenges and chronic pain, with benefits such as a reduction in depression and anxiety, reducing the need for pain medication, lessening of caregiver stress and an increase in family engagement.



Robotic Pet Program

Thrive Alliance offers a robotic pet program for individuals living with dementia in all five counties that are served by the agency. The robots respond to touch and motion, by purring, barking, and rolling over. These lifelike features mimic pet therapy for individuals affected by dementia and encourage interaction, thereby helping reduce the anxiety, depression, irritability, and loneliness associated with dementia.



Aging Brain Care Coach

This position interacts directly with individuals who have been diagnosed with dementia, along with their caregivers, to implement the optimum plan of care for those individuals. The offerings of this program include conducting caregiver counseling, education and referral, developing a crisis plan, encouraging eight hours of weekly respite care, and connecting to monthly support groups.

Virtual Dementia Tour

The Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT), is an evidence-based program simulating changes associated with cognitive decline. The VDT builds sensitivity and awareness in individuals caring for those with dementia by temporarily altering participants' physical and sensory abilities. It builds a greater understanding of dementia through experiential learning and post-tour instruction. Tours last approximately 30 minutes.



For more information about any of Thrive Alliance's Dementia Care Programs, call 812-372-6918.

