



Ohio Council of the Alzheimer's Association

Ohio Public Policy Priorities - 2009

The mission of the Ohio Council of the Alzheimer's Association is to provide a statewide advocacy voice to ensure that executive, legislative and judicial decisions meet the needs and represent the interests of Ohioans with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, their families and caregivers. Today, an estimated 225,000 individuals in Ohio are affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia - a figure that is expected to reach 700,000 by 2050.

In 2009, the Council will focus its advocacy efforts to ensure that Ohio policymakers address the following issues:

- **Protection and Elevation in the Level of Funding for Alzheimer's Respite Line Item:** This will ensure that such funding will accommodate the growing need of respite programs and services provided by the Alzheimer's Association in Ohio.
- **Ensure Quality Residential Care for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders:** The Council will work with policymakers, health care officials and the long-term care industry in the strengthening of dementia training and staffing requirements for health care facilities in Ohio.
- **Strengthen Council's Advocacy Efforts Through Collaborations and Partnerships:** The Council will identify and actively pursue collaboration with organizations and groups with similar priorities and constituencies.
- **Maintain Medicaid Access for Persons with Dementia:** The Council will work with policymakers to assure that families and individuals with Alzheimer's disease receive needed services in an appropriate setting.
- **Support Uniform Adult Guardianship Jurisdiction Reciprocity for States:** Advocate for effective legislation that enables courts in different states to communicate with each other on issues related to adult guardianship and determine which court is the appropriate one to oversee the guardianship process.

About the Ohio Council of the Alzheimer's Association:

The Ohio Council of the Alzheimer's Association is comprised of seven Association chapters that serve the state of Ohio. The purpose of the Ohio Council is to present and advance public policy initiatives related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias at the state and federal levels.

The Ohio Council consists of the following chapters:

Central Ohio Chapter

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Greater Cincinnati Chapter

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