Initial contract: January 2010-June 2011
Second contract: July 2011-June 2013
CREATION OF THE PROJECT

2007
Alzheimer’s State Plan legislation creates a study group to analyze the dementia-related needs of North Dakota.

2008
The study group recommendations lead to HB 1043 (the Dementia Care Services bill). This landmark legislation is the first of its kind in the nation.

2009
The ND legislature passes HB 1043 with an appropriation of $1,200,000. Oversight responsibility is given to ND Aging Services Division to issue a competitive RFP. The contract is awarded to the Alzheimer’s Association MN-ND.
SERVICES WE PROVIDE

✓ Assessment of resources
✓ Community education
✓ Professional education
✓ 24/7 Information Helpline
✓ Assessment of individuals
✓ Care Consultation
  ✓ Level 1 Basic Care Consultation
  ✓ Level 2 In-Depth Care Consultation
✓ Follow-up
DATA COLLECTION

We chose to subcontract with the Center for Rural Health to be the independent evaluator. http://ruralhealth.und.edu

Required data collection:

1. Estimates of Health care costs avoided
2. Estimates of Long term care costs avoided
3. Improvements in disease management
4. Improvements in caregiver assistance
5. Outcomes of the Dementia Care Services Project
WHAT WE ARE COLLECTING

✓ Service delivery activities by DHS Region
✓ Number of ER visits
✓ Number of ambulance runs
✓ Hospitalizations
✓ Short-term nursing home stays
✓ Changes in the decision to place the family member in a long term care facility
✓ Caregiver perceived improvement
CONCLUSIONS

✓ We have been able to learn a great deal about the cognitive health of the ND population.

✓ We expect to demonstrate a model that works well in cities, small towns, rural and frontier communities.

✓ The first contract provided initial indicators of cost savings for ND individuals with dementia, families, service providers and government.

✓ The second contract will provide significant data confirming the positive impact on caregivers as well as cost savings in health care and long term care.