

Following are results from the **end-of-year survey** conducted by the **Dementia-Friendly Washington Learning Collaborative**. We received 23 responses; not all survey takers responded to every question.

Here, survey questions appear in blue headings with white text, and our analysis appears below each heading in blue letters on a white field. Detailed responses follow each question.

Here is a link to the survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=W9229i_wGkSZoBYqxQYL0gDZzSZigi1Knff4vKCqpitURExDV1NGVUFaVvhTUKILWThIMjRJRVI4u&sharetoken=sV0WwD87Klwr34KBI0uk

If applicable, please share below how attending the DFW-LC sessions has impacted your programming.	Yes	No
ANALYSIS: A lot of people are still in a holding pattern. Many people PLAN to make changes based on what they have gotten from the program, with a much smaller % actually having made changes.		
We have initiated, or are now planning to initiate, new dementia-friendly program opportunities.	68.80%	31.30%
We have adjusted the way we offer our current programs (e.g., changes in terms of inclusion, the way groups are facilitated, training, etc.)	26.70%	73.30%

If you are not yet offering programs, what do you see as barriers to starting up?
ANALYSIS: Covid continues to be a barrier. Other barriers include inadequate supplies of time, money and volunteers.
Money and interest
Time. It's not a huge barrier.
We are offering programs, but are just getting started. We have to follow a set of goals set by the grant before we can take on anything new. The meetings give me ideas for what we can do in a year or more, but right now we can't deviate from the agreed upon plan.
Existing volunteers spread very thin in multiple dementia-oriented events, not just Dementia Friendly stuff.
COVID safety fluctuations and related concerns, availability of appropriate spaces to offer programs, (Many offices /shared spaces closed during the pandemic or are only available for limited use.) Staff capacity to plan and execute activities in addition to admin duties.
COVID, getting the word out
Lack of funding, resources, space, and time. As well, our social workers have not encountered any of our Seniors to be living with life changing dementia.
People are still hesitant to participate in person especially if the program is indoors. As we have experienced, many people living with dementia do not enjoy Zoom programming.
It is all volunteer, no funding source

Please share barriers that keep you from being able to attend our monthly meetings

ANALYSIS: People who don't attend seem to be making that choice primarily based on their availability, not their desire

When I was in direct service the timing was hard but now that I am in the office it's much easier.

My availability

These meetings are a priority. I only don't attend if there's a work conflict I can't reschedule.

I really like to attend these meetings. The barrier is the chosen time.

scheduling conflicts

Wednesdays have become much busier for me now, so if the meeting was on Tuesday/Thursday, or just earlier in the day, that would make it easier for me to attend.

Other appointments

the number of other meetings and priorities I have to juggle

Conflicting meetings

Work schedule

Schedule conflicts ((meeting conflicts with child-pick-up time for me on some weeks))

Please share topics that you would like to see covered at future meetings

ANALYSIS: This deserves some focus and energy on our part. For which of these very worthy topics do we think we could find representative speakers?

Pitfalls to avoid

Use of language; ie, Brain Health instead of dementia, or other such things. In Wisconsin they use different terminology and I'm apt to think that might be more useful. The goal is to find less "scary" language. People might not want to do a "dementia screening" but maybe they would do a "Brain health screening", for example.

The return to in-person programming. Percentages of elders actually willing to return to in-person programming and how that affects the need for additional paid personnel if both online and in-person activities need to continue to serve the community best.

Identifying and addressing barriers to participation in dementia friendly activities. What motivates and prevents people from attending? How can organizations collaborate in messaging? -- to publicize events, reduce stigma, educate the public

Running dementia-friendly activities at the same time as caregiver support/education groups--best logistics, best program ideas, etc. Discussion of best community partners and any caveats for each--Parks & Rec departments, libraries, restaurants, etc.

incentivizing/encouraging participation in programming

Multi-cultural and multi-language dementia programming and resources, especially for Asian Americans.

I am interested in specific ideas for dementia friendly or memory care oriented programming that we can bring to our community center.

Some sector based ...e.g., .have a businessman talk about why he agreed to let his business become dementia friendly

Please share any additional comments

ANALYSIS: Comments are largely that collaborators enjoy the program and community.

Thank you—this is an invaluable opportunity

This has been a great networking event and also a great opportunity to connect with others that have a passion for the same work.

I really love these meetings. I'm learning that here in King county and in some outlying areas, ours is a special community in that we agree that a rising tide floats all boats, and we keep our eyes on the benefit to our constituents. I appreciate that there is no competitiveness among the various entities and services. What a special place to be!

I like the small groups and getting to know people. It's helpful to have people to reach out to if you have questions or concerns, or even if you see something that might be useful to a particular person, then you can reach out to them. It would be nice to have a roster with contacts. I've heard one mentioned but I don't know where that is accessed from.

I enjoy having this community of people

It's been very helpful to engage with individuals in a variety of programs serving the memory loss community.

It's so refreshing to be with people who share the same vision for how things COULD be and people who are willing to try (and then share) new ideas to help us all get there. The "Agree" answers for the first two items are such (rather than "Strongly Agree" simply because I have not attended meetings where any step by step sessions (which may be a reflection of my attendance and not what the program has offered.)

Sorry I have not been able to be as involved the last few months, our afternoon programming is really taking off and starts around 2:30pm and goes till 8pm. If the meetings were earlier in the day or on a Tuesday or Thursday I would be there much more frequently. All my best to you all and this amazing group.

I'm pressed with the group! Monthly is too much for me, but it's nice that it's so regular so if I miss one I can hop back in as I'm able. Thanks!

I love being able to connect with similarly minded colleagues!