

Latino Geriatric Center

FACT SHEET



OVERVIEW

The Latino Geriatric Center is an innovative facility that provides comprehensive services to elderly individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, utilizing the most advanced social and medical approaches. Located in the United Community Center (UCC), the expansive facility is uniquely designed to provide daily care to frail Latino elderly. The center also supports primary physicians through outreach and education, and provides services for families and caregivers including training and support groups.

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Adult Day Center
- Diagnostic screening for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias
- Outreach for primary physicians
- Family and caregiver trainings and support groups
- Registry of adult children of elderly with Alzheimer's disease

PROGRAM PARTNERS

- Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Alzheimer's Association, Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter
- Center for Urban Initiatives and Research, UW-Milwaukee



HISTORY & PARTNERSHIP

The culmination of more than four years of coordinated planning and assessment, the Latino Geriatric Center opened its doors in January 2007. A collaborative effort involving the medical, nonprofit, and academic communities, the center brings together multiple partners to provide early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease in an underserved population.





PROGRAM NEED

This visionary facility, staffed by bilingual care providers, is sorely needed as the Hispanic population is growing at unprecedented rates nationwide as well as locally. From 1990 to 2000, the Hispanic population in Milwaukee nearly doubled, with a total population of almost 100,000 individuals. Coinciding with this population growth, it is

projected that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias will increase six-fold among Hispanics during the first half of the century, resulting in 1.3 million Hispanics with Alzheimer's by 2050. As Hispanics face significant barriers in receiving proper diagnosis and accessing culturally competent treatment for Alzheimer's disease, the Latino Geriatric Center addresses the cultural and medical needs of the aging Hispanic population.

QUICK FACTS

- Opened January 15, 2007
- 11,000 square foot center
- Current number of Adult Day Center clients: 40
- Future capacity: 70

FUNDING SOURCES

National

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Local Initiatives Funding Partners

Local

- Helen Bader Foundation
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Faye McBeath Foundation
- Catholic Community Foundation
- Extencicare Foundation
- Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation
- Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute
UW-School of Medicine & Public Health
- Wisconsin Partnership Fund
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