2018 DEMENTIA FUNDING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Montana has a state plan addressing the current and future needs of individuals and families with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias. In order to assist communities with addressing these needs, the Montana Geriatric Education Center offers mini-grants for community projects focused on dementia education. Mini-grants will be available from MTGEC in early December; watch for announcements or check our website.

Communities that received funding provided dementia awareness and education activities. Communities receiving funding in 2018 include Billings, Boulder, Bozeman, Browning, Forsyth, Malta, Missoula, MSU Nursing-Missoula, Plains, and Shelby. Activities provided in these communities included:

Public Education:
- Monthly educational programs at the library.
- Memory Café at the library for people with dementia and their care partners.
- Art in the Moment at the art museum for people with dementia and their care partners.
- Bibliography of books and DVDs for all ages on dementia.
- Books, DVDs, and resources on dementia purchased for public and school libraries.
- Newspaper stories and letters to the editor focused on dementia and addressing dementia locally.
- Information in newsletters targeting older adults including local activities.
- Dementia Friendly Community webinar to engage community in becoming more dementia friendly.
- Partnered with public radio to have storybooks and podcasts on dementia presented on air.
- Brochures were placed in primary care offices listing community resources and other information.

Dementia Training:
- Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Care Seminar from the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP)
- Music and Memory program adopted by facility
- Dementia in-service training for facility professional staff and direct care workers
- Webinars partnering with Mountain Pacific Quality Health (MPQH)
- Dementia activity books provided for facilities and senior centers for their Activity Departments.

Community Events:
- Dementia Friendly community activities
- Public Library display of books and resources

Support Groups:
- Assisted in establishing support groups
- Provided education for support groups