

# Special Populations Special Policy Considerations

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# Presentation outline

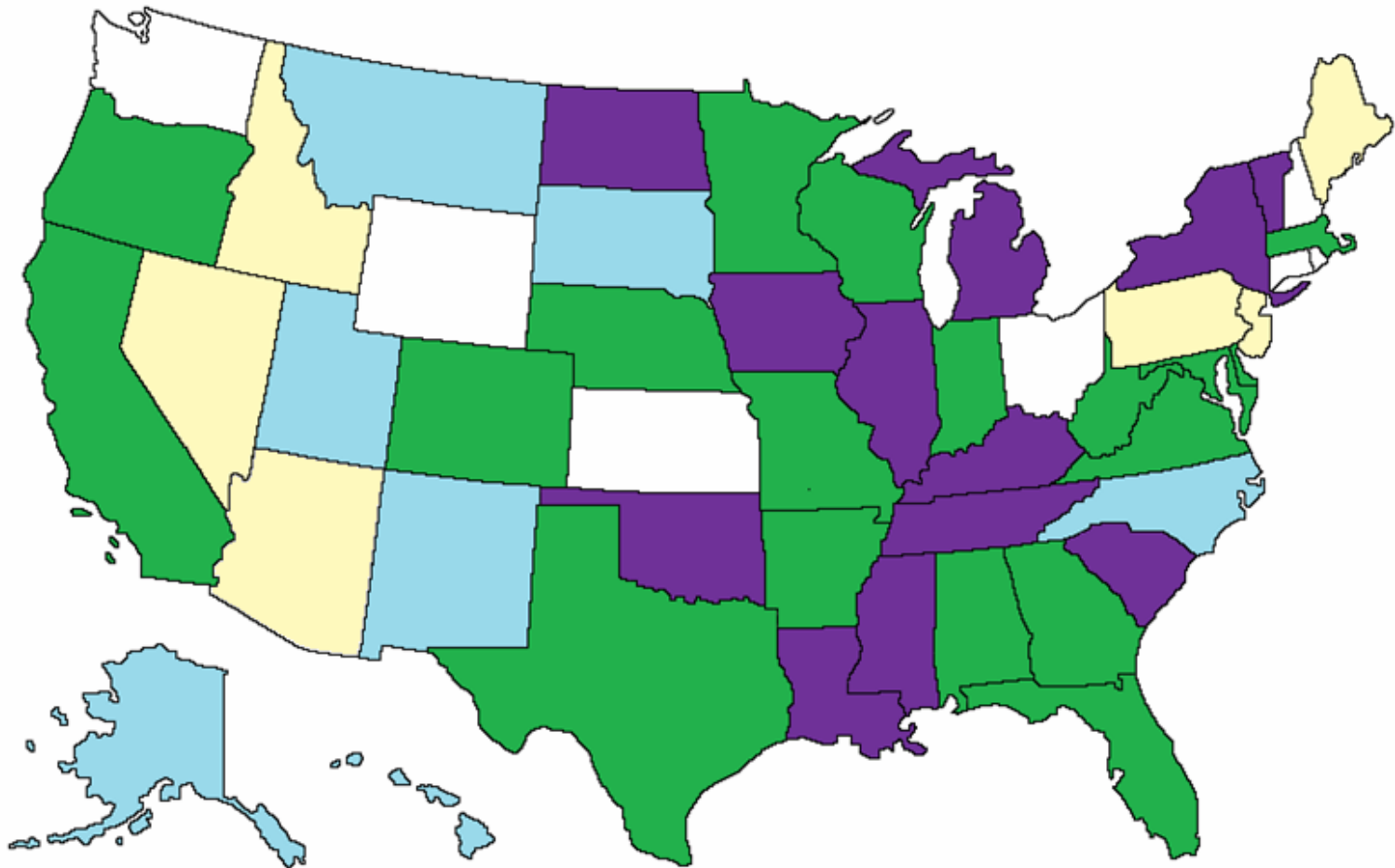
- General State AD Plan Background
- 4 special populations
  - Persons with Down Syndrome
  - Persons in rural/frontier communities
  - Persons with early stage ADRD
  - Population at risk

# Presentation outline part 2

- Describe each special population
- Policies/plans developed
- More resources

# State Plan Background

- 50 states and 5 jurisdictions
- ADRD a state policy priority on par with other major mortality issues
- Permanent policy office
- Change the policy makers image of ADRD
- Improve the organizations



- Published a State Alzheimer's Plan. (12)
- Task Force established to develop a State Alzheimer's Plan. (18)
- Legislation pending or working with Executive Branch to establish a State Alzheimer's Plan Task Force. (6)
- Planned introduction of legislation in 2011 to establish a State Alzheimer's Plan Task Force. (6)
- No activity. (8)

# Typical state plan process

- Legislation (using our model)
- Task Force
- About a year
- Public inputs
- Final report
- Implementation

# Persons with Down Syndrome

- 400,000 in US
- Wrap around life support systems
- Aging—themselves and their parents

# Policy Considerations

## Persons with Down's Syndrome

- Training residential care staff
- Extra outreach
- Improving access by changing age requirements
- Cross department communication



# Persons in rural/frontier Communities

- North Dakota
  - 179,000 square kilometers
  - 636,000 people
  - 250,000 people in 5 large cities
- Mobility, access, limited services
- Health and social services don't speak the same language

# Policy Considerations-Rural

- Public health care managers (early data)
- Tele-health systems
- Support across distance

# Persons with Early Stage

- Larger numbers
- Participation in the process on and offline
- Different needs/state in life

# Policy Considerations: Early Stage

- Detection of cognitive issues in medical and social service settings
- Mobility/transportation
- Create new services
- Change the face of ADRD for policy makers
- Age based eligibility

# Population at risk

- All of us
- Aging population
- Minorities at higher risk
- Caregiver health

# Policy Considerations

## At risk Population

- Public health surveillance
- Brain health promotion
- State funded research

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