



SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR DEMENTIA EDUCATION

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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- 2017: Established annual community awards program to provide education and training about dementia.
- 48 agencies in 26 cities have received 65 awards, totaling over \$60,000.
- Survey Goal: Determine sustainability and beneficiaries of these awards, other partners and collaborations developed, and inform MGWEP as to how we may move forward to better engage and train our Montana population about dementia.

METHODS



- 65 surveys were sent out in early 2021 via email to previous award recipients.
- Requests on the survey:
 - Year(s) of participation (2017-2020)
 - Population impacted by training
 - Support and collaborative partnerships developed
 - Sustainability
 - Number of participants

RESULTS

- 41 surveys (65%) were returned.
- Project completion
 - 10 of 41 (24%) indicated that their project was not completed, primarily due to COVID19 and employee turnover.
- Collaboration with other programs/funding
 - 16 of 41 (39%) indicated space, financial, or other assistance was received outside of MGWEP support.
 - Programs included MT Alzheimer Association, local aging services, Dementia Friendly community groups, county agencies, 4-H.
- 4617 participants impacted by the training since 2017.
 - Varied across the lifespan, education levels, professions



CONCLUSIONS

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- These awards make a local, community-based impact on a large number of individuals.
 - Evenly divided across the state regions; urban>rural awards
- Activities were vast and varied! Specific examples:
 - Storywalk for children with map, picture book, and information
 - Training and social support for caregivers
 - Memory Café
 - Training local businesses