



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care



# Dementia support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Find out about the programs we fund to support people living with dementia and those who care for them.

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## National Dementia Support Program

Helps people living with dementia, their carers and support people.

The program:

- helps people understand more about dementia and support services they may need
- connects people and carers with services so they can look after themselves and learn to live at home with dementia for as long as they can.



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## National Dementia Helpline

Free and confidential phone and email information and support by calling 1800 100 500 any time or by emailing [helpline@dementia.org.au](mailto:helpline@dementia.org.au).



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## Specialist dementia care

Supports people with very severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia where their needs cannot be met in an aged care home.



## Dementia training

Training for aged care and health workers in dementia care, through:

- accredited vocational training courses, free to eligible care workers
- ongoing professional development training on dementia assessment, diagnosis and management for health workers. This includes GPs, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists, specialists, allied health and other relevant professionals
- on-site training for aged care providers including a dementia skills and environment audit and tailored training package
- an online training portal to support face-to-face training delivery.



## Improving respite care for people living with dementia and their carers

This program supports carers and families looking after a person living with dementia to find specific respite services. The program helps to:

- improve the quality of respite care for the person living with dementia
- reduce the pressure on and improve the wellbeing of carers
- improve care planning to make it easier for people to move from their home to the place of respite.



## Dementia behaviour supports

A service to help families, carers and the aged care workforce where behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia impact care.

Access support any time by calling 1800 699 799.

### Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service

Gives advice when mild to moderate behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia impact a person's care or quality of life.



### Severe Behaviour Response Teams

Approved aged care providers can request assistance from Severe Behaviour Response Teams to address the needs of people living with severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.



To find out more about what we're doing for anyone living with dementia, their carers and families, visit:

 [health.gov.au/dementia](https://health.gov.au/dementia)