



ADVOCACY ALERT!

ISSUE: MORE FUNDING NEEDED FOR PROJECT C.A.R.E.

Caregivers face many challenges in caring for their loved ones with dementia, including physical, psychological, social and emotional trials due to the demands of caregiving responsibilities. One resource for caregivers is [Project C.A.R.E.](#) (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty). The aim of Project C.A.R.E is to improve the quality of life of low-income and minority families who care for their loved ones with dementia. A bill is circulating both the House of Representatives and Senate in NC titled Project Care for Dementia Funds ([HB 145/ SB 190](#)), which would allocate funds to this program primarily focused on providing resources for people with dementia and their caregivers.

Project C.A.R.E. Eligibility Criteria:

- Confirmation of Alzheimer's disease diagnosis (or dementia) is required from caregivers, physicians or other service providers.
- Individual with dementia should be a resident in one of the 14 counties served by Project C.A.R.E (Mecklenburg, Haywood, Swain, Jackson, Buncombe, Forsyth, Surry, Stokes, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Rutherford, Transylvania and Polk).
- Individuals should not be a recipient of Medicaid Community Alternatives Program (CAP) services.
- There are no age limitations for individuals with dementia or caregivers.

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TIME FRAME: Act Now!

SUGGESTED ACTION:

- Help Council on Aging raise awareness about the need for additional Project C.A.R.E funding. Print and share this information with family, friends and your community!
- Read the [Emerging Issue Status Report](#) for more information.
- Contact your [legislators](#) and request that they support HB 145/ SB 190.