

National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices



<http://aadmd.org/ntg>

The 'NTG' is a coalition charged with ensuring that the interests of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias – as well as their families and friends – are taken into account as part of the *National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease*. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/national-plans-address-alzheimers-disease>

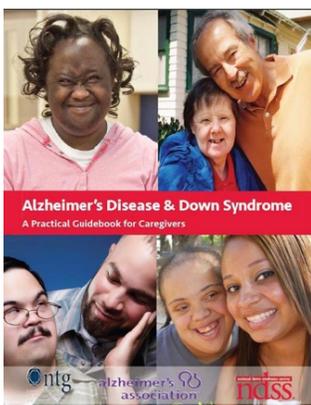
We produce materials related to dementia, including practice guidelines, screening tools, education and training curricula and workshops, agency and family-based information, and other technical materials – as well provide technical assistance.

The NTG is affiliated with the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry and other partners, such as various university centers and national associations and organizations.

Over the course of the past five years, the NTG, via its various working groups has produced and issued a number of reports and documents. The NTGs major effort was the production and issuance of a summative report detailing the issues facing adults with intellectual disabilities and dementia, as well as their families and caregivers, and produced a National Action Plan on Dementia and Intellectual Disabilities. The report, "My Thinker's Not Working': A National Strategy for Enabling Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Affected by Dementia to Remain in Their Community and Receive Quality Supports," is composed a background information as well as formative suggestions for what could happen in the United States to address this growing challenge. <http://aadmd.org/ntg/thinker>

The dementia screening group reviewed a number of existing assessment instruments and has recommended a dementia-behavior related screening instrument which could be used by providers for looking for cognitive and functional decline in adults with ID who are aging.

The NTG released the **NTG-Early Detection Screen for Dementia** (NTG-EDSD) which was developed in response to requests by family caregivers and agencies for a tool useful to record observations of changes in function. <http://aadmd.org/ntg/screening>



NDSS, NTG, and the Alzheimer's Association have issued a [new booklet on Alzheimer's Disease and Down Syndrome](https://www.ndss.org/about-down-syndrome/publications/caregiver-guide-order-form/)

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This booklet is a resource that answers various caregiving questions and explores challenges when caring for someone with Down syndrome affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It can help caregivers who are supporting an adult who Alzheimer's, [this booklet](#) can help shed light on some unanswered questions, provide insight on how to be a support to other caregivers, or help gain further closure on an undoubtedly difficult process. has mid- or late-stage disease and already bring with them their own expertise and wisdom from the daily practice of caregiving. Readers may find information that sparks new realizations or connections that can be put to use. For those who have lost a loved one with Down syndrome due to Alzheimer's, [this booklet](#) can help shed light on some unanswered questions, provide insight on how to be a support to other caregivers, or help gain further closure on an undoubtedly difficult process.