

*Working with **people with dementia**,  
their **caregivers**, and the **community** to provide  
assistance, education, and support,  
working towards a **Dementia Friendly Brown County***



***Call or visit to learn more!***

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.\*


*\*Appointments available before or after hours by prior arrangement.*



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## **Dementia Care Specialist (DCS)**

*Supporting a Dementia  
Friendly Brown County*



## Why a Dementia Care Specialist (DCS)?





The Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) position began as part of the State of Wisconsin Dementia Re-Design plan. Currently there are 24 DCS positions in the state. The DCS has three main goals:

- 1) To assist and support people with dementia and their caregivers
- 2) To ensure customers at the ADRC are met with knowledgeable and understanding staff
- 3) To join in creating and supporting a dementia friendly community

## The DCS Assists People with Dementia and Caregivers

- Home or office visits
- Problem-solving and planning for behavior management
- Help finding and funding respite
- Brain Check-Ups
- Signs, symptoms, & early detection
- Support and education to caregivers, family, and other loved ones

## The DICE Approach

-  The DICE Approach stands for Describe, Incinvestigate, Create, and Evaluate. Its purpose is to manage difficult behaviors to reduce overreliance on medications. With the support of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, the DCS can help walk through this step-by-step, evidence-informed approach that caregivers and loved ones can continue to use to help problem-solve independently.
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## The DCS and a Dementia Friendly Community

The DCS helps develop dementia-friendly communities where people with dementia can remain active and safe, and socially involved. This is accomplished through:

- Monthly outreach site visits
- Community education presentations to groups
- Collaborates with community agencies & organizations
- Dementia Friendly Community Coalition



## ~ Coalition Highlights ~

### Memory Café

The Memory Café is an opportunity for people with early to mid-stage dementia and their caregivers/ companions to enjoy socialization with others in their community in a stigma free environment. There are five Memory Café locations in Brown County!



*ADRC of Brown Co.*

*NWTC/Botanical Gardens*

*Denmark*

*Kress Library – De Pere*

*Suamico*

### Purple Angel

Free community training for businesses and organizations to increase knowledge, reduce stigma, and provide tools to meet the needs of people with dementia and their caregivers. This creates a space where people can stay connected to familiar places and stay engaged in their community.



### SPARK!

SPARK! is a cultural program at the Neville Public Museum for people with early to mid-stage memory loss to engage in stimulating conversations and museum exhibits. SPARK! is designed to stimulate conversation, provide peer support, and inspire creativity. SPARK programs are offered on the third Tuesday of each month.

### Barkhausen Sensory Woods

Created with people with dementia in mind, this short trail off the parking lot at Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve includes elements for the senses such as a sensory wall, bamboo chimes, a raised garden bed, a woodworking table, and more. The trail and all its elements are accessible by foot or wheelchair. The Sensory Woods are free of cost and open from dawn until dusk.