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The establishment of a Coordinating Council and the development of a Comprehensive New York State Action Plan, for the Delivery of Care and Services to Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias, their Families and Caregivers.

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Background and Public Health Significance:

In New York State (NYS), more than 330,000 residents have Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Alzheimer's disease primarily affects individuals over age 65; it is expected that one in eight people over age 65 and nearly half of all individuals who reach the age of 85 will develop the disease. The elderly population in NYS will increase significantly during the next several years; consequently, the incidence and prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders will increase dramatically. The increasing numbers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease will overwhelm the current health care and supportive services systems, and will require the coordination of a wide array of programs to serve this population. (Alzheimer's Disease Program, 2007)

Objectives of Field Placement:

- Familiarize myself with the seriousness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.
- Become familiar with the goals of the Alzheimer's Disease Program and the services they provide throughout NYS.
- Provide the Program with critical information on a number of essential areas pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (burden of disease, caregiver issues, cultural issues etc.)
- Perform key informant interviews of state agency representatives to gather information on the services their agencies provide to NYS residents, in order to inform "The New York State Comprehensive Plan for the identification and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias" (to be completed in 2009).
- Assist in the planning and preparation of 8 community forums to be held across NYS.