

2.4.2 PRIORITY POPULATION IDENTIFICATION WORKSHEET – COMPLETED EXAMPLE

This completed example illustrates how a community might use the Priority Population Identification Worksheet to identify and document priority populations for Healthy Brain and dementia-friendly initiatives. It is provided for guidance only.

1. COMMUNITY CONTEXT (EXAMPLE)

Community Name	County/Region	Date Completed	Completed By
South Dakota Community	Central County	March 5, 2026	Healthy Brain Steering Committee

2. COMMUNITY DATA SNAPSHOT (EXAMPLE)

- Age distribution (e.g., % age 65+, populations under age 65 that may benefit from early intervention)– Link: [County Level Alzheimer's Prevalence](#)
- Estimated dementia prevalence: Prevalence for specific community/county
- Caregiver prevalence: Number of informal caregivers reported - Gather information from Community Brain Health Assessment
- Rural/frontier considerations: Access to resources – Gather information from Service Mapping Template

3. LIVED EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY INPUT (REFER TO COMMUNITY BRAIN HEALTH ASSESSMENT)

Caregivers report feeling isolated and unsure where to find support. Several community members shared concerns about lack of dementia-specific education and limited respite options.

4. POTENTIAL PRIORITY POPULATIONS (EXAMPLE)

Population Group	Level of Need	Barriers or Challenges	Existing Supports	Notes
Family caregivers	High	Isolation, lack of respite, limited education	AAA caregiver programs	Strong partner interest
65+ population	Medium	Social isolation, transportation barriers	Senior center	Limited outreach
At risk populations	Medium	Access to services, cultural considerations	Tribal health services	Explore partnership

5. SELECTED PRIORITY POPULATIONS (EXAMPLE)

1. Family caregivers of people living with dementia
2. Older adults living alone
3. Tribal elders and caregivers

6. RATIONALE FOR SELECTION (EXAMPLE)

These populations were selected based on high need, identified service gaps, and alignment with existing community partners and resources.

7. IMPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING (EXAMPLE)

Programs will prioritize caregiver education and partnering for training for volunteers to offer support services, outreach to older adults living alone, and relationship-building with tribal partners to ensure culturally appropriate approaches.