



**Behavioral
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ODHH
**Office for the Deaf
and Hard of Hearing**

Dementia Day

The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) invite you to join us for Dementia Day on Saturday, July 18, 2026, to learn about dementia and community resources. This event is free!

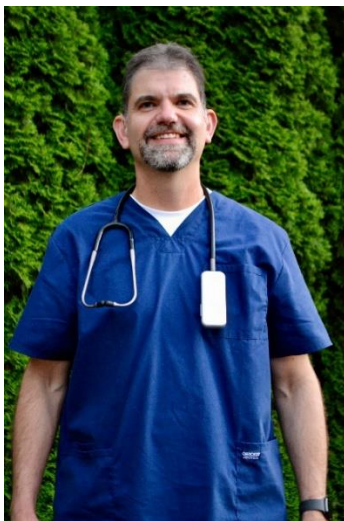
July 18, 2026

9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Waukesha County Technical College, ADJ Building S
800 Main St, Pewaukee, WI 53072**

The local Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) dementia care specialists will be sharing information about dementia. They will also provide opportunities for attendees to participate in Dementia Live Experience to learn what a person with dementia experiences.

Keynote presenter and presentation description



The keynote presenter, Dr. Jaime Wilson, is a prescribing medical psychologist and board-certified neuropsychologist in full-time private practice inside and outside Washington State. He holds privileges at several area hospitals and has worked extensively with physicians, other healthcare providers, and forensic experts, providing neuropsychological evaluations across the U.S. The field of neuropsychology is dedicated to learning about and diagnosing conditions related to the brain and nervous system. Born with a profound hearing loss, Dr. Wilson grew up wearing bilateral hearing aids and primarily communicated using spoken language, although he is also an American Sign Language user. Dr. Wilson resides in Olympia, WA, with his wife (a registered nurse who is also deaf), three kids, and a King Charles Spaniel named Pepper Jack.

Part 1: The Hearing Loss–Dementia Connection: Understanding Risk and Protecting Brain Health

Research has identified hearing loss as one of the most significant modifiable risk factors for dementia. This presentation examines the relationship between hearing loss, communication access, social engagement, and cognitive health, with a particular focus on Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and late-deafened individuals. Participants will learn why hearing loss may increase dementia risk, explore factors that contribute to healthy brain aging, and review practical strategies that may help support cognitive health throughout the lifespan.

Part 2: Navigating the Seven Stages of Dementia in Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Late-Deafened Individuals

This presentation provides an overview of the seven stages of dementia and how symptoms may present in Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and late-deafened individuals. Participants will learn how dementia progresses over time, how to recognize common cognitive, behavioral, and

communication changes, and practical ways to support individuals with hearing loss living with dementia. Emphasis will be placed on communication access, caregiver support, and culturally responsive approaches that promote dignity, independence, and quality of life.

Registration



[Reserve your seat today!](#) You must register so we can plan seating, food, and accommodation. We will not accept late registration after **July 10, 2026.**

Email JenniferJ.Anderson@wisconsin.gov if you need help with registering for Dementia Day.

Accommodation

Lunch will be provided and will accommodate those who have dietary needs or sensitivities.

American Sign Language, voice interpretation and CART captioning will be provided. **If you need additional accommodations**, please contact [Jennifer Anderson](#) with your requests by **July 1, 2026.**

Dementia Day schedule

8-9 a.m.	Dementia Live Experience-3 groups 8-8:20 a.m. (first group-8 people) 8:20-8:40 a.m. (second group-8 people) 8:40-9 a.m. (third group-8 people)
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Exhibits
9-9:30 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits, and Dementia Live Experience Discussion
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Housekeeping
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Dr. Wilson Presentation (Part 1)
10:45-11 a.m.	Break and Exhibits
11-11:30 a.m.	Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) and the Role of the Dementia Care Specialist (DCS)-Jen Harders and Kathy Glaser (Waukesha County ADRC)
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Resource presentations (15 minutes each) - Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association-Virginia Zepa - Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute-Jody Krainer
12-1 p.m.	Lunch and Exhibits
1-2 p.m.	Dr. Wilson Presentation (Part 2)
2-2:45 p.m.	Q & A with Dr. Wilson
2:45-3 p.m.	Dr. Wilson's Books Signing

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