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## Senator Cleare's Senate Bill 887 passes to help people living with Dementia and Alzheimers

May is Mental Health Month, it is also Older Americans Month (OAM), 2024.

"I am pleased to announce that SB887, a bill which I proudly sponsored has passed in the Senate to support people living with Dementia and Alzheimer's," said Senator Cleare.

There are over 400,000 New Yorkers living with Alzheimer's. Sadly, this number is on the rise and is expected to increase with each passing year.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that does not affect just an individual, but the whole family and system of caregivers. There are over 540,000 individuals and caregivers who are actively taking care of those afflicted; many on a full-time basis.

This bill requires a State-level, centrally located database of successful Dementia and Alzheimer's disease programs to be made available on the State Office For the Aging (SOFA) website.

In a state as vast as New York, with a number of local, community-centered approaches, it is wise to have all best practices collected in one place so they may be replicated.

Senator Cleare said, "It is also essential to collect and centralize proven approaches so family members have a place to turn, with confidence—for strategies, ideas, and interventions to improve everyone's collective quality of life.

We must do everything within our power to make sure that family members and caregivers have positive, proactive, and empowering support to optimally care for their loved ones."

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