

Dementia in Indian Country: Gathering together for Brain Health



The Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa invites you!

FREE EVENT

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

1:00-9:30 pm

Mole Lake Casino Lodge,

3084 WI-55, Crandon, WI 54520



This is an education and fellowship program held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Native American Elder Association GLNAEA quarterly meeting. The program is supported by the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, with a focus on building awareness about Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia in Indian Country.



Kade Lenz, PhD, MPH, is a Program Director at the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC), where he leads a broad public health portfolio serving 34 federally recognized Tribes, four urban Indian organizations, and three IHS service units across the Great Lakes region. His work spans infectious disease surveillance, chronic disease and population health, environmental health, emergency preparedness, maternal and child health, and data modernization, with a strong emphasis on Tribal data sovereignty. His efforts are grounded in community-driven, culturally based approaches that strengthen Tribal public health capacity and support sustainable systems honoring both science and culture.



Jake Riemer, BS, is a Public Health Specialist and Program Coordinator at the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC), where he supports environmental health initiatives for Tribal communities, including drinking water testing for Tribal schools and childcare centers, emergency preparedness, and environmental contaminant education. Outside of his professional work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking with his wife and dog. These interests reflect his personal commitment to environmental stewardship and healthy communities.



Steve Barczi, MD, is Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and Gerontology and a professor in the University of Wisconsin Department of Medicine. He is a Veteran who serves as a physician at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and is the Director of the Madison VA Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC). His area of specialty practice includes geriatrics/aging, sleep medicine and memory care. His research has focused on sleep disorders, telemedicine and medical education. Recently he has been a part of the Successful Aging in Place for Tribal Veterans initiative working in partnership with the Oneida Nation.

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Wisconsin Alzheimer's
Disease Research Center
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

1:00-2:00pm

Lunch Social

2:00-3:00pm

Dr. Kade Lenz & Jake Riemer

"Caring for the Land, Protecting Our Minds: Environmental Health
and Brain Health"

3:00-3:30pm

Break and social time

3:30-4:30pm

Dr. Steve Barcz

"Sleep, Health and our Memory"

4:30-6:00pm

Dinner with Discover WI

6:00-7:30pm

Veterans' Gathering

7:30-9:30pm

Bingo