



The Forest County Department on Aging and the Bay at Nu Roc Health and Rehabilitation Center has partnered to provide families coping with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia a guide for use in emergency situations which may involve First Responders, EMS and/or Law Enforcement which is placed in a purple tube and kept in the refrigerator. The Forest County Purple Tube Project's goal is to assist families and first responders by providing information, which may be helpful in the event of a medical or behavioral emergency. Our desire is for those impacted by dementia be able to stabilize at home whenever possible. When this is not possible, we want to make sure first responders and family members have needed information available quickly.

This project is a collaboration between law enforcement, EMS and Forest County Caregiver Coalition. As the number of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia grows, so does the need for positive emergency interventions. The Forest County Purple Tube Project assists families coping with dementia to develop a crisis/safety plan, which includes information such as contact people, brief medical history, powers of attorney for healthcare, and ways to best interact with the person with dementia.

The Purple Tubes are available to Forest County consumers at no charge. We will make an appointment with anyone interested to assist them in filling out the forms, explain where to store the purple tubes and answer any questions they may have.

We are excited to offer this service and look forward to making Forest County more dementia friendly. We have had an excellent response from Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement across the county.

For more information, or to make an appointment to get a purple tube, please call

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