

Important Announcement – Early Dementia Screening Project Potential in Cenla

The Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention (IDRP) was started in 2008 at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge by Dr Jeffrey Keller, in order to bring to Louisiana a world-class dementia research program, focused on understanding the basis for Alzheimer's disease, and to bring much needed clinical trials for AD to the citizens of Louisiana. As a centerpiece of this program, we have developed a longitudinal brain aging study, where individuals aged 60 and over receive annual cognitive assessments, with over 600 individuals throughout Louisiana currently participating in this program.

A benefit to this free program is that individuals who receive these annual cognitive assessments are provided the earliest possible detection for dementia. Additionally, these studies help us understand the influence of multiple factors on dementia (diet, diabetes, etc), and help us bring much needed clinical trials for AD to this area.

A number of individuals from the Alexandria area have already enrolled in our study, and currently drive down to Baton Rouge in order to participate in this free program. We are interested in determining if there are additional individuals in Alexandria who are interested in enrolling in our study, with idea that the cognitive assessments for citizens from Alexandria will be provided to individuals in the Alexandria area (instead of having to come to Baton Rouge).

This program is open to any individuals in the Alexandria area who are 60 yrs of age or older, who are interested in receiving annual cognitive exams as part of this study. We ask that you consider participating in this important program, and invite you to pass information on this program to any individual who you believe may be interested in participating.

Those interested in participating should contact the IDRP using the phone number and/or email address provided below. Once we have collected this information we will contact those interested in participating to schedule the time and location of their cognitive assessment, as well as to answer any additional questions you may have.

For additional information, please go to our website ([://idrp.pbrc.](http://idrp.pbrc.)) or call us using the contact information listed below. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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