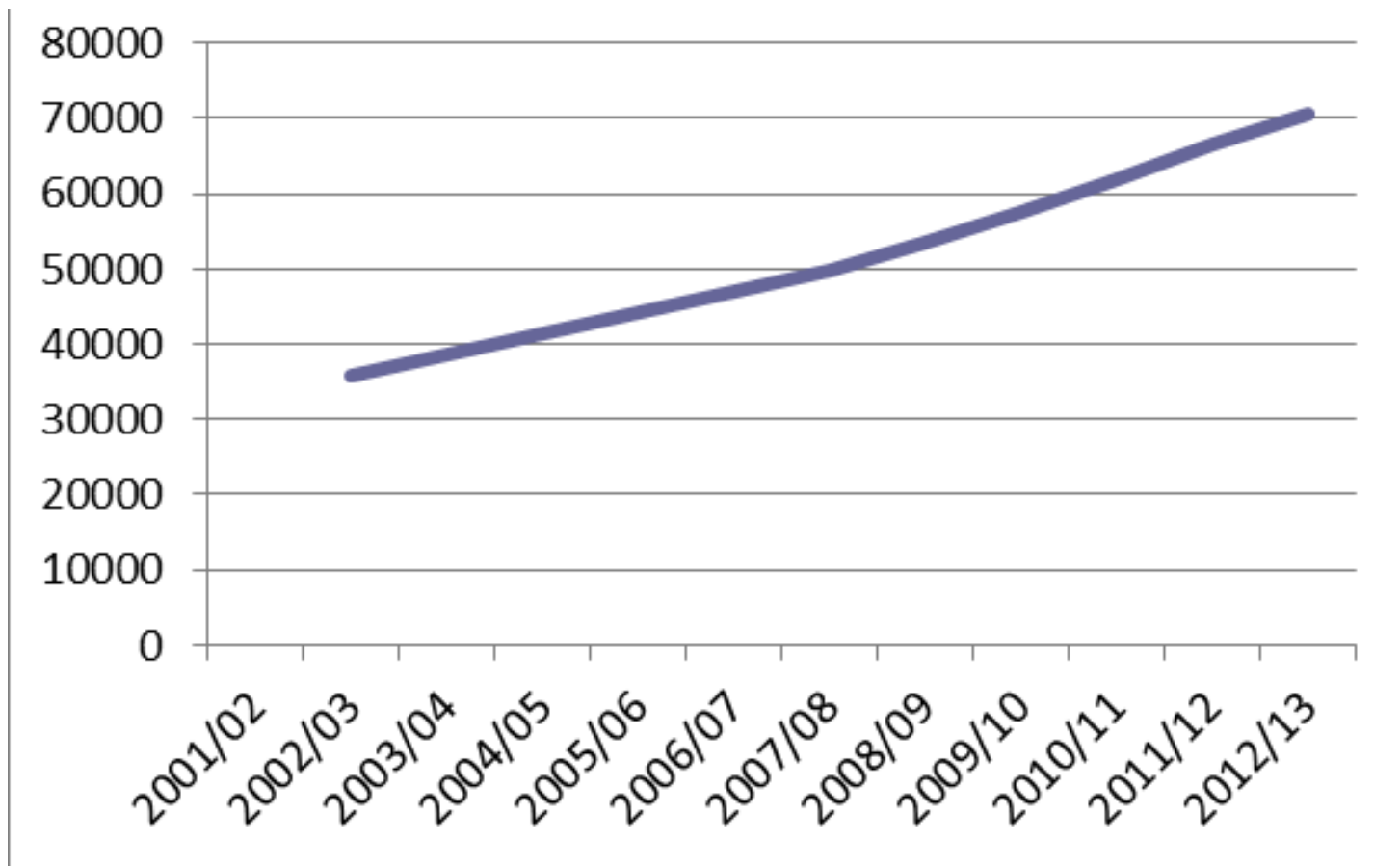


# BC Continuing Care Collaborative

A close-up photograph of several purple forget-me-not flowers with yellow centers, set against a dark, blurred background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds.

Maria Howard, CEO  
Alzheimer Society of B.C.  
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# Dementia in B.C.



# A Bumpy Journey



# Challenges – Early Stages

- Challenges getting a diagnosis.
- Challenges with employers.
- Putting plans in place.
- Stigma.

# Challenges – Middle Stages

- Challenges accessing home care, Adult Day Program respite.
- Challenges with quality of care.
- Caregiver “burnout.”
- Wandering.

# Challenges – Later Stages

- Challenges accessing residential care.
- Challenges with quality of care in residential care.
- Difficulty making complaints.
- Anti-psychotic misuse/physical restraints/polypharmacy.
- Non-adherence to wishes for care.
- End of life.



# Alzheimer Society of B.C.



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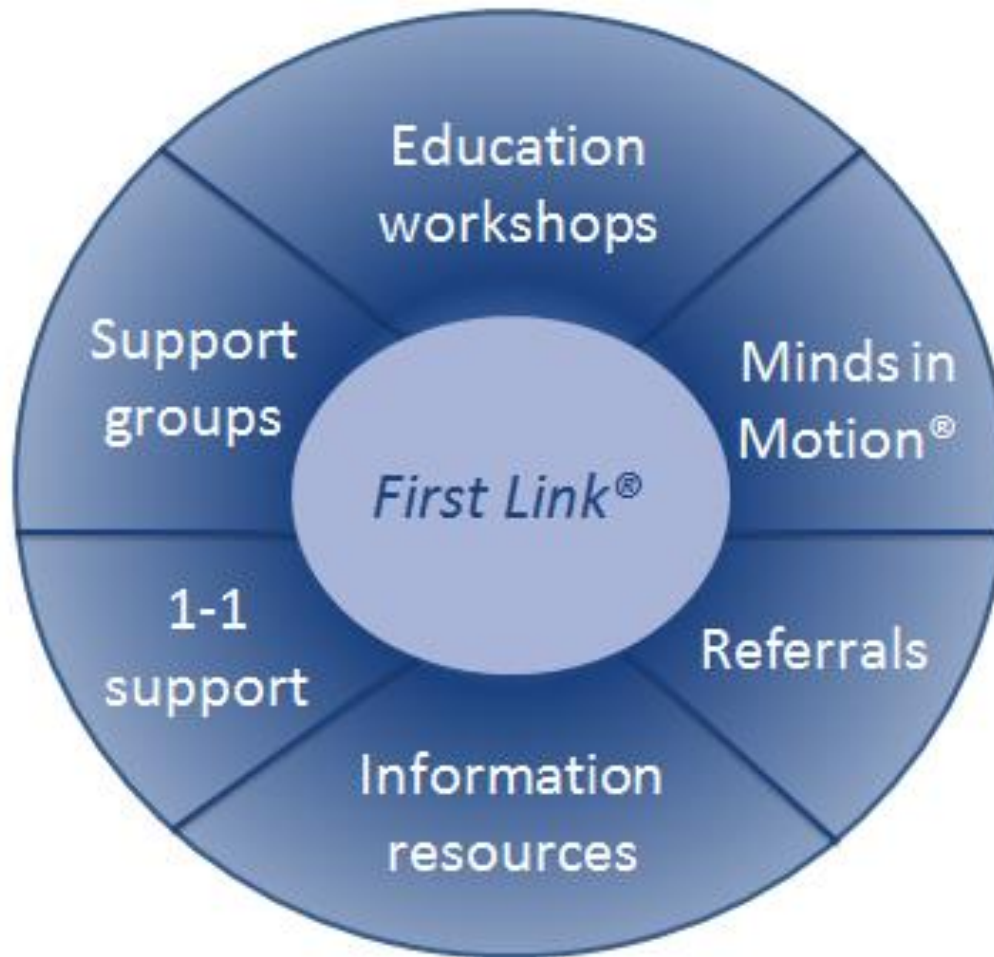


# First Link®

Connects individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease or another dementia to a community of learning, services and support at any stage of the journey.



# Accessing Programs and Services



# Health Care Provider Education

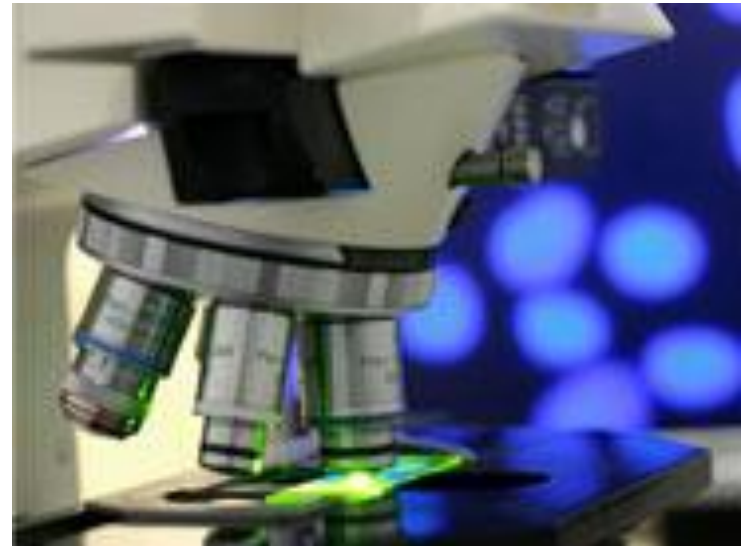
- Goal to improve the quality of life for people with dementia.
- Every person, regardless of their losses, has a core of self that can be reached.
- Person-centered care.



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# Research

- Biomedical: Identifying therapeutic targets to reverse, stop, or cure the disease.
- Quality of life: Exploring issues that impact the lives of people with dementia and their caregivers.



***The bridge between  
Today and Tomorrow...***

# Dementia-Friendly Communities

- Create a heightened awareness about dementia.
- Support people with dementia to participate in their communities to the fullest extent possible.





# Toward a Smoother Journey

- The Alzheimer Society of B.C.
- Government.
- Care providers.
- People with dementia and care partners.
- Researchers.
- The private sector.
- The community.

# Contact Us

- **Alzheimer Society of B.C.**

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