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Richard Prudom

Richard Prudom has more than 30 years in executive leadership with the State of Florida where he has worked to develop, implement, and lead public policies and programs that improve the lives of Florida families. Since 2011, he has served as Deputy Secretary and Chief of Staff for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA), the State Unit on Aging, whose mission is to help Florida's 5.2 million elders remain healthy, safe, and independent. At DOEA, Mr. Prudom performs Chief of Staff functions and is the lead on several initiatives, including the Dementia Care and Cure Initiative (DCCI) and the revitalization of the Communities for a Lifetime Initiative. First announced in 2015, DCCE was developed in response to the increasing incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Florida. Mr. Prudom also leads the revitalization of the

Communities for a Lifetime Initiative (CFAL), an effort of the Department to meet community living needs as elders age in place while also benefitting a region's younger population. Prudom has led the Department's new collaboration with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities to encourage states, cities, towns, and counties to prepare for the rapid aging of the population while implementing age-friendly, livable communities that allow for inclusion of all residents. Prudom received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kent in the United Kingdom. In September, 2014, Prudom took the oath to become an American citizen and now enjoys dual citizenship with the United Kingdom.

Richard Prudom's discussion at the 7th Annual Memory Care Summit is titled "All Emergencies Are Local" and "Lessons Learned from a Local Dementia Friendly business Owner." To view a description of the session, visit: <https://erickson.umbc.edu/mcs/>