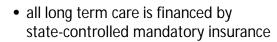


Philosophy of the Dutch system of long term care

- 1. The state bears the responsibility for people who are in need of long-term care
- 2. There is no obligation for family and friends to provide long term care

The consequences

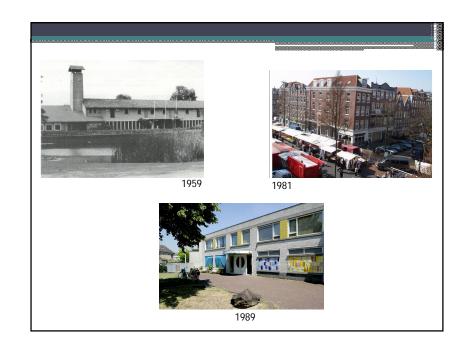




- more people (will) need long term care
- less people on the labour market to contribute to the mandatory insurance
- ergo: the Netherlands faces a challenge with the long-run sustainability of long term care









The Alzheimer Café

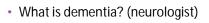




- People with dementia, family, friends and professional carers
- Interview, break, discussion
- Informal gathering



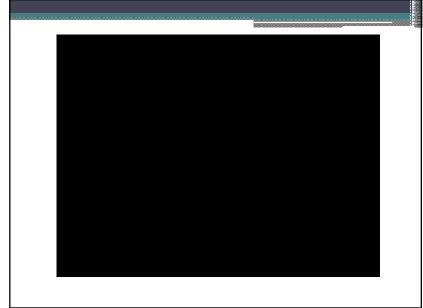
Topics





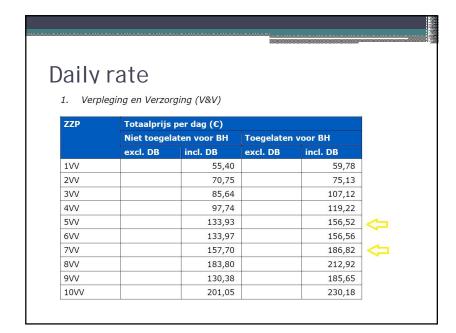
- What does it mean to have dementia (person with dementia)
- Implications for the patient (psychologist)
- Implications for the primary caregiver (family member)
- Dementia and driving a car (GP)
- Support at home (casemanager)





Who pays for the nursing home costs?

- Buildings are developed and owned by housing cooperation's, healthcare organizations and (rarely) private investors
- All costs are paid out of the state-controlled mandatory insurance
- All costs include the costs of living, care, treatment, medicine, food, recreation, etcetera!
- The patient pays a contribution depending on his income to a maximum of about 2248,60 euros a month
- Discussion or assets should be considered as well.



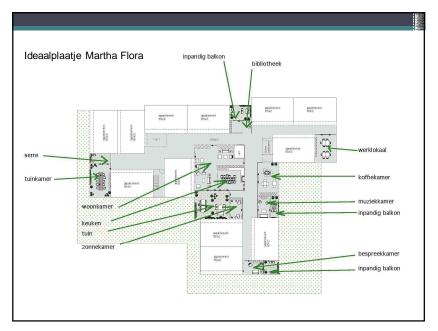








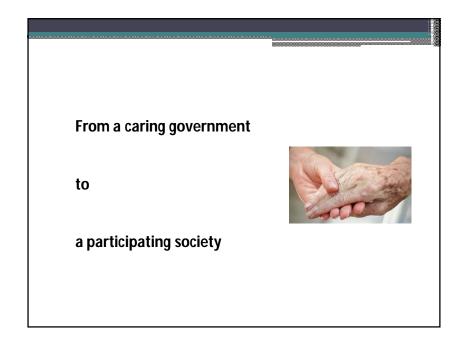


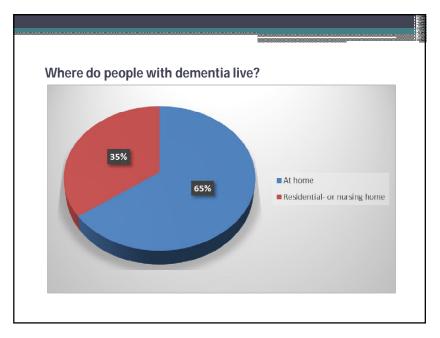


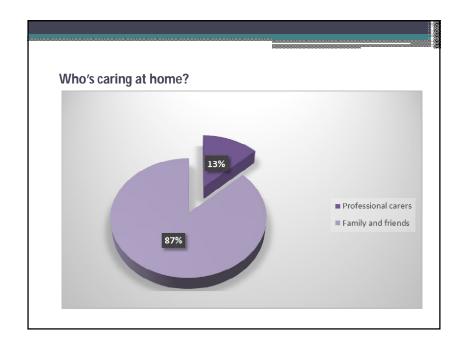


The regulations

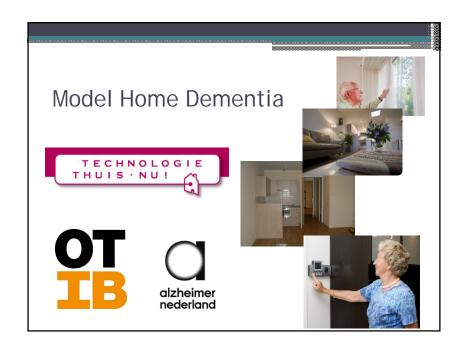
- Quality standard for long term care
- Quality of staff
- To reduce risks: behaviour, medication, nutrition issues, incontinence, falling etc.
- It is focused on the reality that is written down, not on what is daily practice
- It is about reducing risks...not on improving quality of life



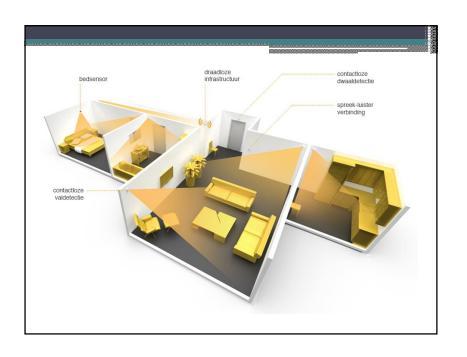








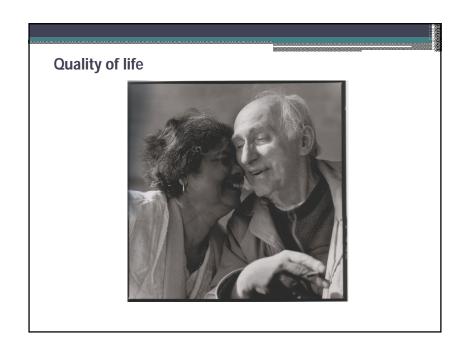




Caring communities

- combination of healthy people and people with dementia
- lower rents in exchange for providing support and care
- common facilities for elderly and families with young children
- freedom to walk around in the neighbourhood





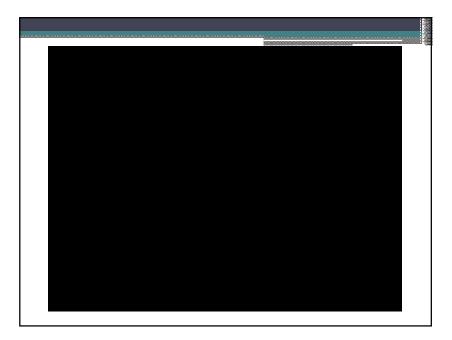


Summary



- focus on knowledge and understanding of dementia
- focus on support for people with dementia and their informal carers at home
- focus on support of technology
- built a variety of care homes with attention for the cultural background and habits of the individual
- with as much personal freedom as possible

This kind of care should be avoided at all cost in Canada



Thank you for your attention