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ASA Chicagoland Roundtable

Policy in Practice: Optimizing Health of Older Adults via Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Programs in Illinois

Honoring  
Martha Holstein,  
PhD



“Being an old woman, to me,  
means trying to live as  
consciously as I possibly can,  
knowing that I don’t have an  
endless amount of time left.

There’s an element for me  
of urgency about,  
how do I live every day?”

<https://bioethicstoday.org/blog/in-memoriam-martha-holstein-phd>

## Today's agenda & speakers

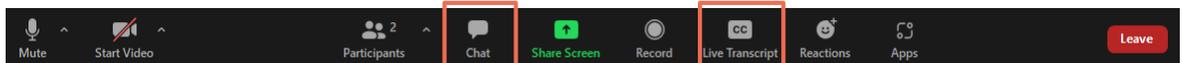
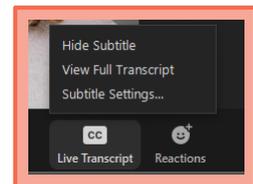
National Context	Bureau of Health Workforce, Health Resources & Services Administration		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nina Tumosa, PhD</li> </ul>		
Panel on Chicago Area Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEPs)	University of Chicago GWEP	Rush University Medical Center GWEP	University of Illinois at Chicago GWEP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lauren Gleason, MD, MPH</li> <li>Monica Long, MSN-Ed, CDP, RN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erin E. Emery-Tiburcio, Ph.D., ABPP</li> <li>Robyn Golden, LCSW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valerie Gruss, PhD, APRN, CNP-BC, FAAN</li> <li>Memoona Hasnain, MD, MHPE, PhD</li> </ul>
Remarks from GWEP Collaborator	Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darby Morhardt, PhD, LCSW</li> </ul>		
Moderated discussion	Moderated by Nina Tumosa, PhD		

## Logistics

Submit your questions into the chat box

Slides and a recording will be shared with registrants

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# National Context: Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs

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## **GWEPs in Action: SHARE Network in the Clinical Setting & the Community**

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Supporting Healthy Aging Resources & Education

- Started July 2015, GWEP (HRSA) funded
- Partnership between UCM, community-based & healthcare organizations
- **Mission:** Bring older adults, caregivers, primary care providers, and geriatric specialists together to share knowledge and resources on Chicago's South Side and beyond

## South Side of Chicago



- Population ~ 900,000
- 92% Non-white;
  - 59% African American, 28% Latinx

	Chicago	Far South Side	Near South Side
Percentage 65+	12%	17%	16%

	Chicago	Far South Side
Alzheimer's Disease Mortality Rate (per 100,000)	23.9	31.9

	Chicago Loop	Washington Park	65+ in Poverty	Nation wide	Near South Side
Life Expectancy	85 years	69 years	9%	9%	21%

Sources: Chicago Health Atlas, CDPH, 2015-2019; American Community Survey 2019



## Objectives

- **SHARE Network in the Clinical Setting**
  - Introduce our clinical training programs with ECHO-Chicago
- **SHARE Network in the Community**
  - Highlight two community education initiatives: DRC & 4Ms Forum



# Educate Providers: ECHO-Chicago Superhub



ECHO is all teach, all learn



Interactive



Co-management of cases



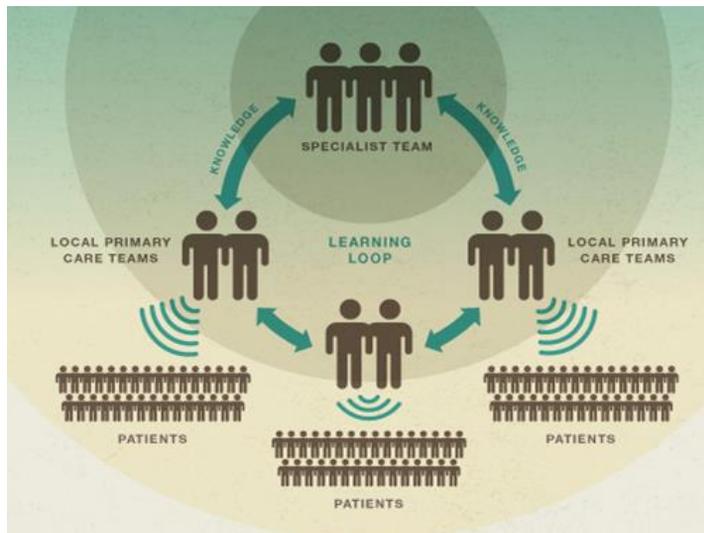
Peer-to-peer learning



Collaborative problem solving



## Best Practices + Knowledge Transfer + Technology = Force Multiplier



# ECHO & SHARE Network: Current Series



- Since 2016
- 12 cohorts
- 216 participants

**ECHO Geriatrics:  
Primary Care**

**ECHO Geriatrics:  
Skilled Nursing**

- Since 2017
- 6 cohorts
- 90 participants

**COVID-19  
Skilled Nursing  
Facilities + Adult  
Populations**

**AHRQ – National  
Nursing Home  
COVID-19 Action  
Network**

**CNA Leadership  
Academy  
(COVID/SNF  
Supplement)**



# ECHO Geriatrics: Curriculum

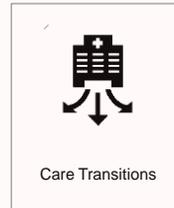
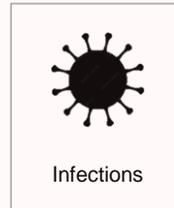
## Primary Care



## Both

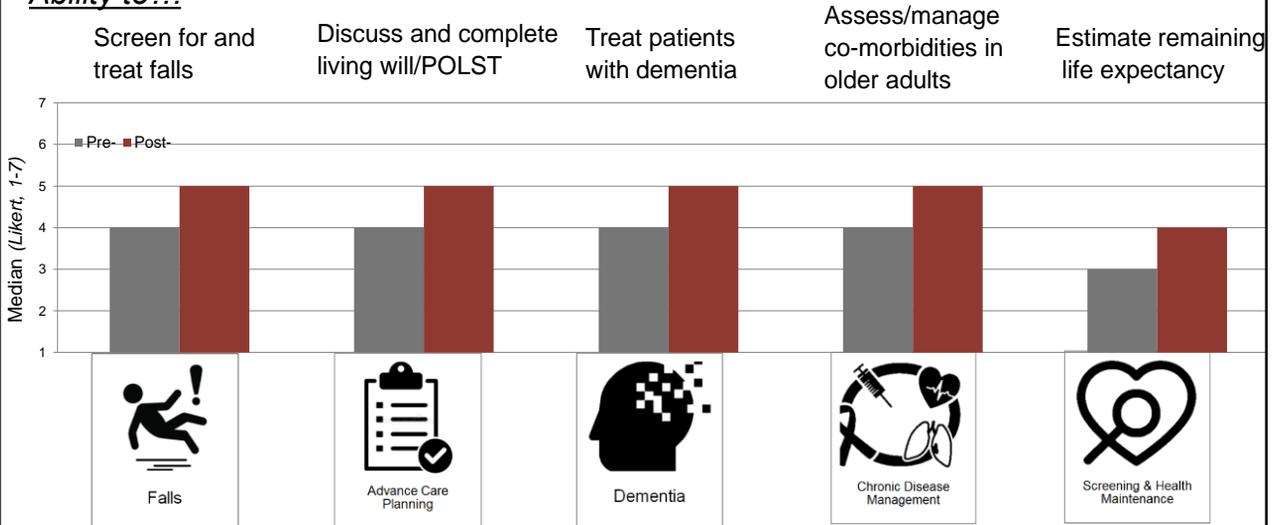


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## Results: PCP Self-Efficacy (n=62)

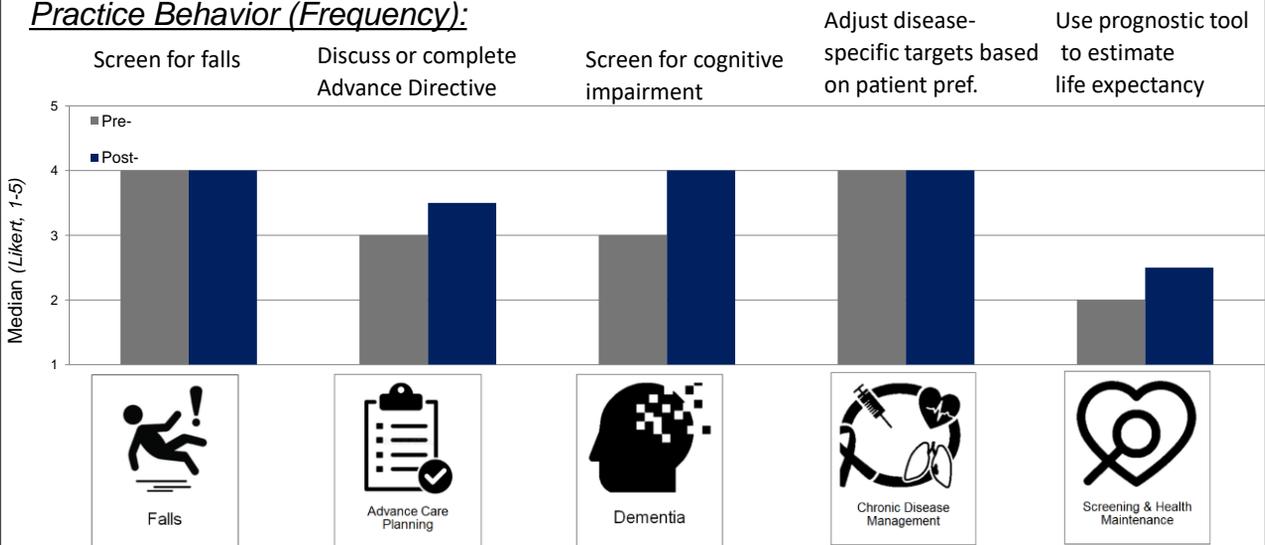
### Ability to...



\*\*All p-values <.0001

## Results: PCP Practice Behavior Change (n=62)

### Practice Behavior (Frequency):



Jafari, P., Kostas, T., Levine, S., Martinchek, M., Johnson, D., Graupner, J., & Thompson, K. (2019). ECHO-Chicago Geriatrics: using telementoring to “geriatricize” the primary care workforce. *Gerontology & geriatrics education*, 1-9.

# ECHO Results

“...started screening more for falls, more aggressively whittling med lists of older adults, gotten smarter about recognizing cognitive deficits, more knowledgeable about care coordination of in-home resources”



“This series has made me grow more attentive towards things that I used to overlook or not pay too much attention to ... I also feel like my communication has improved with the doctors and nurse practitioners at the facility. I also more diligently assess patients for any changes from their baseline; symptoms of sepsis, dementia, substance abuse. **Overall, I feel like I am more confident when I work with the geriatric population.**”



## SHARE Network in the Community



## SHARE Network – 2 Community Education Initiatives



### Dementia Resource Champions (DRC)



#### Delirium Symptoms

- People with delirium have difficulty paying attention
- Some people with delirium hallucinate or become paranoid
- Changes in personality can occur
  - quiet or agitated
- Normal patterns of sleeping and eating are often disrupted



### 4Ms Forum

## Faith Based Curriculum

- **Identified Needs on South Side:**
  - Dementia Education
  - More Caregiver Support Groups
- **Goal:**
  - Reach Communities of Faith on South Side with Dementia-related resources and education
- **Early Success:**
  - Trust-building through partnerships
  - “Off the Pews”



## Dementia Resource Champions (DRC)

- **Participants:**
  - 25 Champions from 12 Churches
- **Intervention:**
  - “Train the trainer” model
  - 5 weeks, 2 hour weekly sessions dementia education, community resources & stress reduction
  - Education & mentorship to create caregiver support group
- **Outcomes:**
  - 6 Caregiver Support Groups created, + Virtual Support Group



## Coming Soon: DRC Online

- **5-week online DRC program**
  - Re-tooled lecture materials with narration
  - Caregiver Testimonial Videos
    - Former DRC- Champions
    - Same “cohort” approach with weekly Zoom meetings



## Age Friendly Health Systems: Background

- Age Friendly Health Systems is a healthcare framework designed to provide quality care to older adults by focusing on four domains commonly called the 4Ms:

- Medication
- Mobility
- Mentation/ Mind
- What Matters



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Health Systems

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## 4Ms Forum-- Community Curriculum

- Interprofessional team adapted 4Ms Framework into a 5-session evidence based community curriculum
  - Interactive, Adaptable
- 14 sessions since April 2021 (as of March 2022)
  - 104 Participants (32 surveys)
  - 5 Community-Based Organizations
  - **Mean Rating = 4.62** (1 to 5, where 5 is Excellent)
  - **96.7% Plan to Make a Healthy Lifestyle Change**

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Geriatrics Education and Innovation (G&I) Corner

4Ms Forum: Development of an age-friendly 4Ms community forum

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# Summary

- Improvements in education and care for older adults on the South Side of Chicago and beyond requires a multi-level approach
- SHARE Network exemplifies this by providing education and resources to health care providers and community members alike





# CATCH-ON GWEP

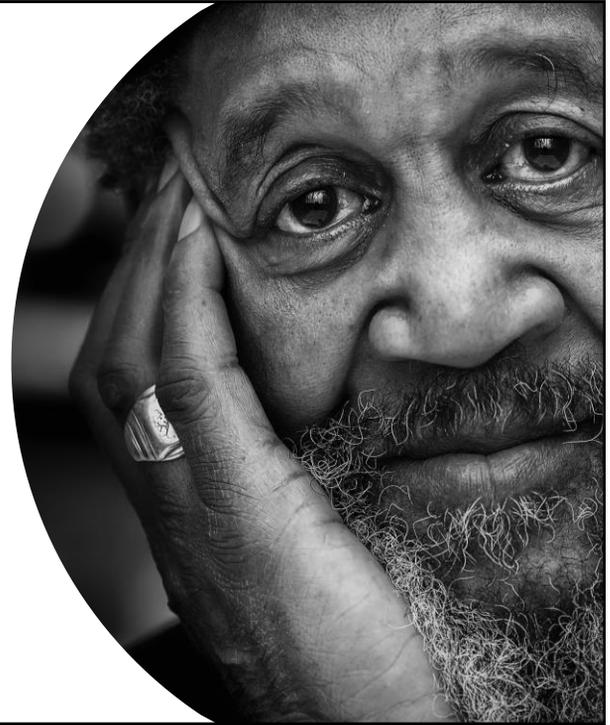
## Rush University Medical Center

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## CATCH-ON Partners



**Rush University Medical Center, IL**

**Southern Illinois University  
Family Medicine, IL**

**Shawnee Health Service, IL**

**Cherokee Health Systems, TN**



# CATCH-ON Overview

## Education

- 4M online education
- Learning Communities
- Interprofessional education
- Matter of Balance training
- Behavioral Pain Management training
- Geriatric competency online modules for mental health professionals
- Health Education About LGBT Elders (HEALE)

## Primary Care Transformation

- Create Age-Friendly Health Communities
- Caregiver Initiative
- Closing the Loop
- Safe – Home Opioid Management Education (Safe-HOME)
- Active Listening Training
- Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly Communities

[www.catch-on.org](http://www.catch-on.org)

## 4Ms Modules

- Free online modules – 3 versions
  - Health System/CBO staff (free CE!)
  - Clinicians
  - Older adults and families
- Topic areas include:
  - Caregiving
  - Delirium
  - Dementia
  - Depression
  - Medication
  - Mobility

Join the  
2000+ learners!



### Brief Educational Videos about Aging and Health for Older Adults and Families

These videos will help you learn how to improve your health by talking with your health team about the 4Ms: What Matters (including caregiving), Medication, Mind (including dementia, delirium, and depression), and Mobility.

#### Caregiving

The importance of choosing the appropriate family caregiver, how to support family caregivers, and more.

#### Depression

Symptoms of different kinds of depression, treatment options, and more.

#### Delirium

What delirium is, how to prevent and manage delirium, and more.

#### Medication

Why older adults are at greater risk for medication related harm, how to reduce medication related harm, and more.

#### Dementia

What dementia is, how dementia is different than "just getting older," and more.

#### Mobility

What mobility means, ways to avoid falls and injuries, and more.

Visit <http://bit.ly/catch-onvideos> to complete the videos and for additional resources



If you have any questions about CATCH-ON or feedback, please let us know!  
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Phone: 312-942-0417

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## Foundational Competencies in Older Adult Mental Health

### Online continuing education certificate program

- Based on Geropsychology foundational competencies
- Added social work, psychiatry
- Created scripts
- Peer review
- Module development
- Resources

## Foundational Competencies in Older Adult Mental Health

### Online continuing education certificate program

- Attitudes about aging
- Adult development and aging
- Depression
- Suicide
- Anxiety
- Substance use
- Psychopharmacology
- Cognition
- Common life problems
- End of life and grief
- Trauma & PTSD
- Practice Issues
- Serious Mental Illness





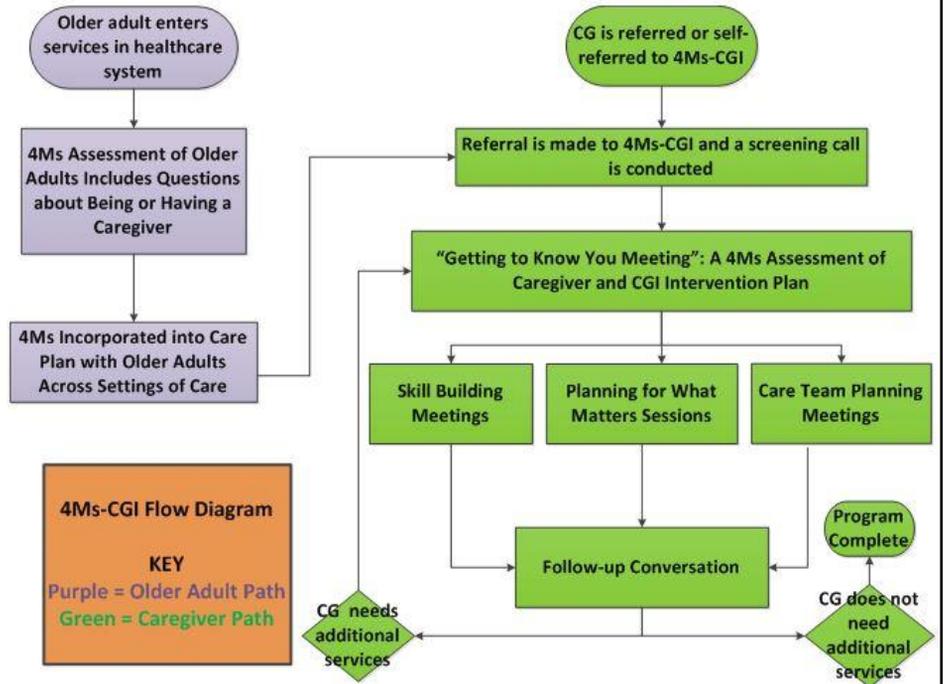
## Foundational Competencies in Older Adult Mental Health

### In-person intensive training

- Licensed mental health clinicians
- 3 days in person at Rush
- Same content areas
- Interactive, practice based
- Simulated patients

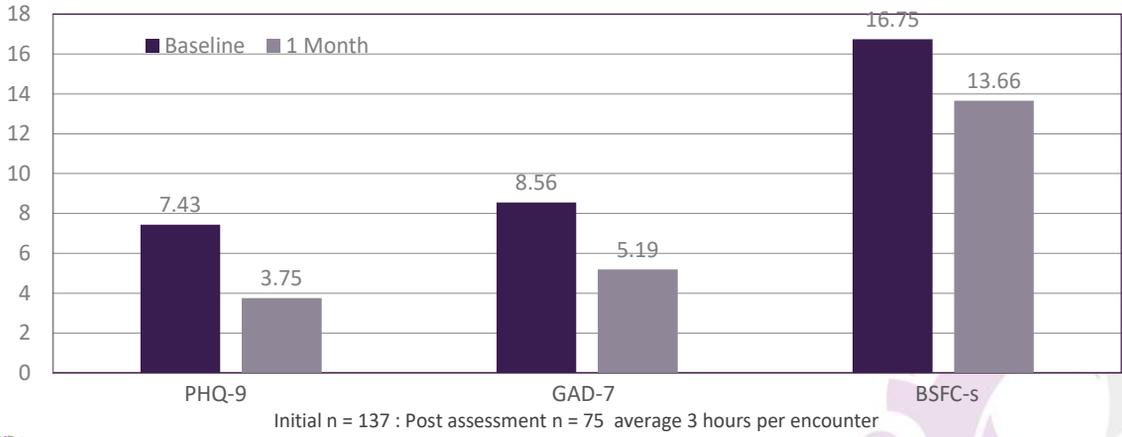
## Age-Friendly Health System Caring for Caregivers

with support from the RRF Foundation for Aging

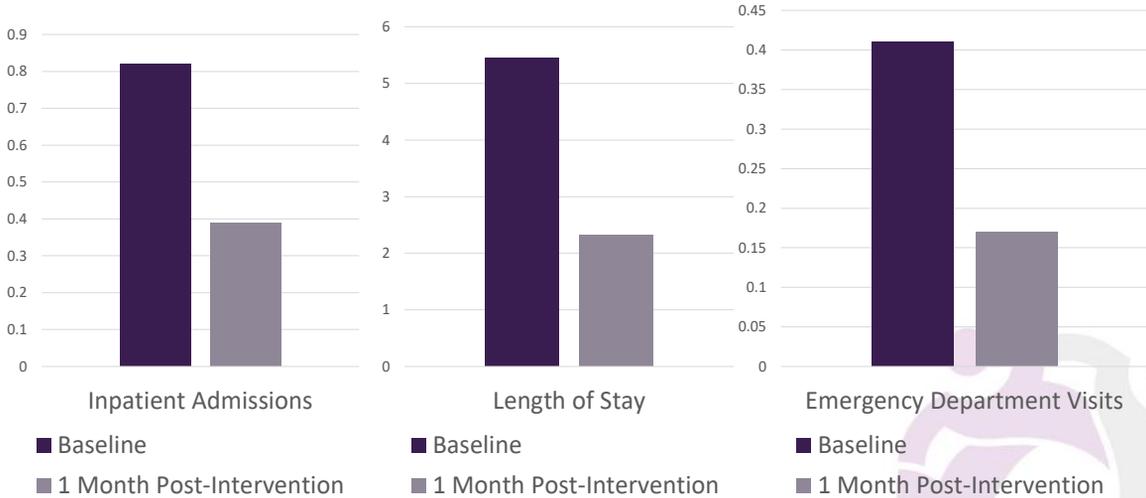


# Caring for Caregivers Initial Outcomes

Change in Symptoms and Caregiver Burden Among Caregivers from Baseline to 1 Month Post-Intervention



# Caring for Caregivers Initial Outcomes



n=102 ; Number enrolled in program=231

# Caring for Caregivers Next Steps

John A. Hartford Foundation support

- Testing the intervention with five sites nationally
- Refining the intervention
- Scale and spread through the Age-Friendly Health System movement



## Create Dementia Friendly Communities and provide technical assistance for creation of communities

- Currently 19 communities listed as Dementia Friendly
- Barrington has submitted and Washington Heights will submit application soon.

Elgin	Evanston	Glencoe
Highland Park	Kankakee County	North Chicago/Lake County
Oswego	River Forest	Oak Park
Hyde Park	Westmont	Naperville
South Loop	West Deerfield	Austin
Grayslake	Orland Park	Springfield
Tri-Cities (Batavia/St. Charles/Geneva)		





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## ENGAGE-IL 2.0™ Enhancing Care for Older Adults



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- Book Revenue

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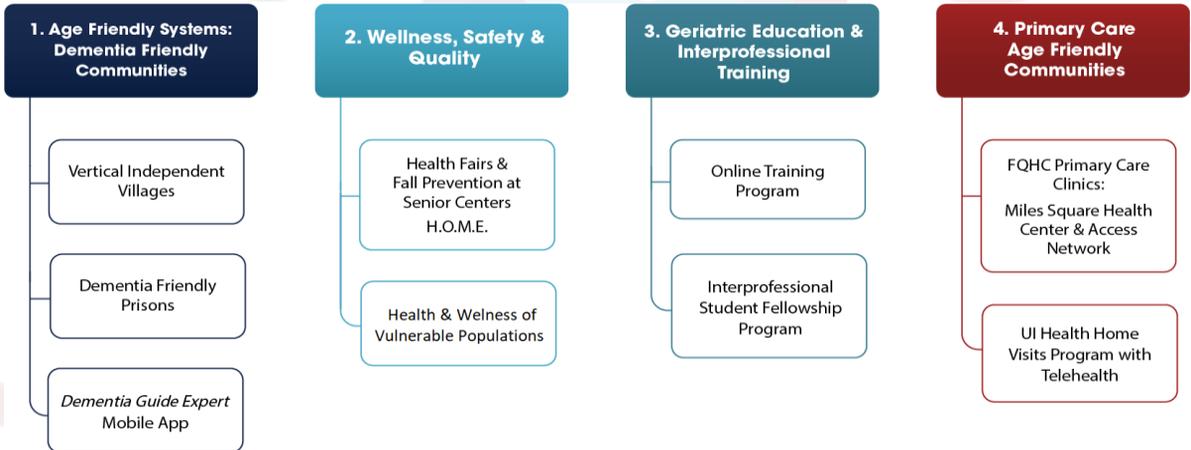
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## HRSA Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program

HRSA # U1QHP28730



*Engage-IL 4 Primary Objectives and 9 Programs  
Focused on the most vulnerable older populations*



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UIC & City of Chicago



## Dementia Friendly Buildings™

Collaborating with the City of Chicago, Age-Friendly Commission, we scaled up our Engage-IL program with the development and implementation of a city-wide **Dementia Training Program for building management** staff caring for older adult residing in their buildings... Creating Dementia Friendly Buildings which are age-friendly communities

**IMPACT:**

Trained > 300 building managers/staff who engage with over 40,000 older adults

2020-2021 Transitioned to virtual webinar trainings due to COVID-19  
2022 Transitioning to dedicated website with online training modules



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# Creating *Dementia Friendly Prisons*



Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) was exploring options for training prison Correction Officers to recognize and address the changing health care needs of older inmates

UIC Engage-IL developed a “Dementia-Friendly Training Program” for prison staff thereby creating IDOC “*Dementia-Friendly Prisons*”

Wardens’ Needs Assessment indicating prisons are in need of training

Pilot: Taylorville Correctional Facility

*Transitioning to virtual training due to COVID-19*

Gruss, V., Hasnain, M. Addressing the needs of incarcerated inmates with dementia: creating dementia-friendly prisons. *Innovation in Aging*. 2019, Vol. 3, No. S1, S433. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igzo38.1620>.

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## Create Age-Friendly Communities

Transforming the Alzheimer experience with a

**Mobile App**

# Dementia Guide Expert™

Guia Experta Sobre La Demencia      치매 안내 전문가

Download the **FREE** App now !!

Available for iOS on Apple iTunes and for  
Android on Google Play

**IMPACT:**

**App downloads/views: > 66,921**

12 Countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Spain, Taiwan, U.K., U.S.



Gruss, V., Hasnain, M. A Smartphone Application for Educating the Public about Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias. *Gerotechnology*. (2020) 19:3 <https://doi.org/10.4017/gt.2020.19.003.03>

**YouTube** You Tube video Dementia Guide Expert <https://youtu.be/3RGjBBA7JLc>

Educate Interprofessional Healthcare Workforce with  
Online Technology and Student Fellowships



## Online Accredited Learning in Interprofessional Geriatrics (OALIG)<sup>TM</sup>



- Library of 27 Online geriatric training modules
- Our website ([engageil.com](http://engageil.com)) serves as a portal to our online program
- Modules offer Free continuing education credits to licensed professionals

### IMPACT

Total number of modules completed:

Dec 2017 – November 2021 : **32,567**

- Averaging over 600 modules/month

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## Key elements

ONLINE  
TRAINING



**Scalability:** Online library of over 27 geriatric educational videos

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caregiver Burden</li> <li>• Common Acquired Hospital Complications</li> <li>• Communication Among Patients &amp; Practitioners</li> <li>• Community-Based Interprofessional Home Care</li> <li>• Community Services: Access &amp; Payment Systems</li> <li>• Dementia: Patient-Centered Dementia Care (1 hour)</li> <li>• Depression and Delirium</li> <li>• Driving Safety of the Older Adult</li> <li>• Drug Therapy in Older Adults</li> <li>• The Dying Process</li> <li>• Elder Abuse and Self-Neglect</li> <li>• End of Life: Hospice and Advance Directives</li> <li>• Fall Prevention</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geriatric Health Promotion &amp; Disease Prevention</li> <li>• Managing Multiple Chronic Conditions</li> <li>• Medication Management (1 hour)</li> <li>• Nutrition &amp; the Older Adult</li> <li>• Older Adults with Visual, Hearing &amp; Cognitive Impairment</li> <li>• Oral health &amp; the Older Adult</li> <li>• Pain Management &amp; the Older Adult</li> <li>• Palliative Care</li> <li>• Physical Activity &amp; the Older Adult</li> <li>• Process of Aging</li> <li>• Sleep Quality &amp; the Older Adult</li> <li>• Transitions in Care</li> </ul> |
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## Deliver Community Based Wellness Programs for Vulnerable Populations

### **Senior Centers Wellness Programs** (including health screenings)

Delivered in collaboration with community partners at 17 Senior Centers throughout Chicagoland. Hundreds of Seniors screened for high risk medications, fall risk, hypertension, depression and cognitive impairment. **IMPACT:** > **200 older adults/per month** (pre-COVID-19)



MILE SQUARE HEALTH CENTER

### **Training Interprofessional Primary Care Professionals at FQHC clinics**

- Trained staff on *Medicare Annual Wellness Visits-The 4Ms* [What Matters; Medication; Mentation; Mobility] screening program and a Falls Prevention program
- Dedicated “AWV” clinic days scheduled
- Established Mile Square Health Center as a nationally certified “Age-Friendly Action Community”



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## **Optimizing care for *homebound* older adults through Home Visits**

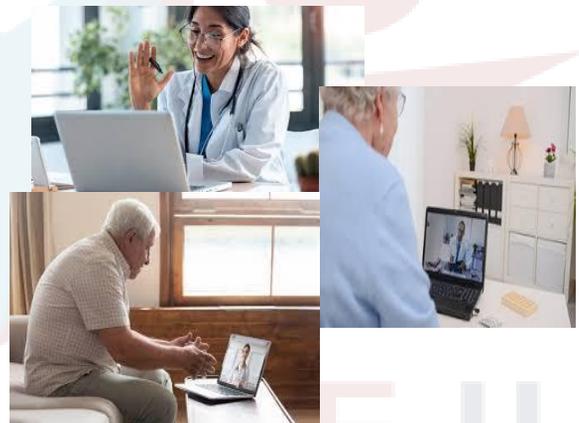
Developed evidence-based protocol for increasing **Medicare Annual Wellness Visits** and **4M health screenings**

### “E-Visits”

**May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021**

- **64 #** Telehealth “E-Visits” using telehealth platform (virtually) (CPT Codes: 99212, 99213, 99215)
- **29 #** of Screenings COVID-19
- **940 #** of patient telehealth “E-Visits” (extracted Medicare & Medicare Managed Care data)

**\*We are also collecting data on Social Isolation**



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**Optimizing care for *homebound* older adults through Home Visits**

**“Virtual Check-In” with home monitoring devices**

**“Virtual Check-In”**

N= 29 homebound patients on home monitoring devices

May 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021

- **1,871 days of reading** (# Virtual check-ins with home monitoring devices (blood pressure, weight, blood glucose, pulse oximeter, heart rate)
  - Average readings per month = 18.71
- **162 # Telephone visits**



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**Educate Interprofessional Healthcare Workforce with Online Technology and Student Fellowships**

**Scholars & Leaders in Interprofessional Geriatrics**

Summer course for six health professions colleges [Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, Social work, Allied Health Sciences]

Successful course development and implementation since 2016

62 students completed the course thus far

Preparing the future health workforce in interprofessional teams to be leaders, scholars, advocates and change agents



Gruss, V., Hasnain, M. Building the Future Geriatrics Workforce through Transformative Interprofessional Education and Community-Engaged Experiential Learning Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice. 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2020.100389>. Epub 2020 Dec 8.

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# Summary



**ENGAGE-IL** has

- **Assembled an interprofessional team** of healthcare experts with the shared vision to enhance the care provided to vulnerable populations, reduce health disparities, and strengthen primary care geriatrics
- **Developed strong community partnerships** with government agencies, health care organizations, academic medical centers, and other stakeholders supporting programs to provide best care practices for vulnerable populations
- **Created multiple innovative products and programs** utilizing technology to create a learning community without walls, resulting in improved clinical proficiency and positive practice changes
- **Shaped the future healthcare workforce** through online interprofessional education, community healthcare programming and educating health science students in interprofessional teams to optimize primary care geriatrics

Thank You

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## Remarks from a GWEP Collaborator

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### Q&A and Discussion

Moderated by Nina Tumosa, PhD

## Thank you!

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Please share any announcements in the chat

On Aging conference and virtual option are coming up!

- <https://asaging.org/on-aging>

View recordings from recent sessions at <https://aging.rush.edu/policy/asa-chicagoland/>

Please join us for our upcoming Roundtable

- **Friday 6/3/22, 8:30-10:30am** for a session on sexuality and aging
- Registration / details will be shared in May
  - *Will be sent via ASA listserv in May*
  - *Bonnie will also share registration details in follow-up from today's event*