Health Resources and Services Administration Geriatrics Programs

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Importance of Age-Friendly Health Systems

► Population is aging; 77 million older adults by 2035

► Marked shortage of health care professionals to care for older adults

► Age-Friendly Health Systems
  • Keep older adults healthy
  • Address potential health needs
  • Prevent avoidable harms
  • Improve care of those with serious illness and at the end-of-life
  • Support family caregivers
Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

► **Purpose:**

- Develop a healthcare workforce to provide value-based care that improves health outcomes for older adults by maximizing patient and family engagement and integrating geriatrics and primary care.

► **Goals:**

- Train the primary care and geriatrics workforce to care for older adults in integrated geriatrics and primary care models, and

- Partner with community based organizations (CBOs) to address gaps in healthcare for older adults, promote age-friendly health systems and dementia-friendly communities, and address the social determinants of health.
Key Roles
- Patients
- Families
- Caregivers

Reciprocal Partnerships
- Academia
- Primary Care Sites/Systems
- Community-Based Organizations

Workforce Training
- Community-Based
- Interprofessional

Clinical Training Environments
- Integrating Geriatrics and Primary Care
- Age-Friendly Health Systems
- Dementia-Friendly Communities

Evaluation
- Improved Patient Outcomes
- Value-Based Care
- Practice Change

Dissemination
- Implementation
- Scale Up/Spread
- Sustain

It starts with the individual
GWEP 2019

- 48 awards
- $35,653,437
- $750,000 each year for 5 years
Geriatrics Academic Career Awards (GACA) Program

Purpose:

• Support the career development of individual junior faculty in geriatrics and provide clinical training in geriatrics, including the training of interprofessional teams of health care professionals

Goals:

• Develop the necessary skills to lead health care transformation in a variety of settings, including rural and/or medically underserved settings, to be age-friendly and to provide training in clinical geriatrics, including the training of interprofessional teams of healthcare professionals to provide health care for older adults.
GACA 2019 Awards

- 26 awards
- $75,000 each year for 4 years
- $1,946,811
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