Preparing for the “Boom”: Catch-On Collaborative Action Team training for Community Health – Older adult Network

(GWEP) Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

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• Our population is graying, and 17% of our population is 60 or older.

• In some communities in rural Illinois, the proportion of older adults is over 50% of the population.
• What is the Catch-On GWEP?

CATCH-ON has two primary aims:

– Education
– Transform primary care systems

SIU is a partner (School of Social Work and School of Medicine) in the network with Rush University as the Lead. HRSA funded - nearly .5 Million $ to SIU over three years.
Education

- Interactive Online Training
- Faculty Development & Course Material
- Learning Communities
- HEALE – Treating LGBT Elders
- Health Ambassadors
- Ongoing Programs

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Geriatric Primary Care Transformation

• CATCH-ON Community Health
  – Readiness assessment
  – Tailored program development – evidence-based programs
  – Training and support for clinics
  – Outcome assessment

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• Why is it of interest to the academy and greater community?
  – Promoting the work of inter-disciplinary teams in professional training (Medicine, Social Work, Physician Assistant and Psychologists) for better health care.
  – Integrating information about geriatrics into the educational process.
  – Promoting peer oriented health networks.
  – Easy access to current educational materials.
• How can you partner in this process?
  – Make use of the online modules to learn about Health and Aging:
    • Topics include: Normal aging, dementia, health care teams and Managing Multiple Chronic Conditions
    • https://catchon.inreachce.com
  – Become a Health Ambassador!
  – Participate as a consumer in local steering committees.
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