

Aging PCOR Learning Collaborative

Updates



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Thank you for your contributions to the Learning Collaborative! Here's what we've been up to between meetings:

Focus Groups Findings are In!

- In May, we held 4 focus group sessions to gather input on our educational [video series](#).
- To keep participants in the loop on how their data informs our work, we are hosting a debrief meeting on September 15th!
- Grant staff organized and coded the transcripts to reveal several interesting findings, outlined in our [findings report](#).
- What happens next with these findings will be influenced by YOU! We will collaborate with our Steering Committee and Older Adult Subcommittee to apply these findings to the next round of educational tool development.

Upcoming Activities

- **Focus Group Debrief Meeting:**
September 15
- **Older Adult Subcommittee July Meeting:** Sept 18, 2-3pm EST
- **Steering Committee September Meeting:** Sept 22, 2-3pm EST
- **Student Curricula Workgroup Kickoff:**
Sept 25, 1-2:30pm EST

Student Curricula Workgroup Kicks off

- We know reaching students to build engagement values and skills early is essential.
- We are working to build educational resources that work for students and the faculty guiding their education.
- We've convened a workgroup to inform this tool. This September we're joined by:
 - Academic partners from
 - University of Southern California
 - Wayne State University
 - UMass Boston
 - Our very own Older Adult Subcommittee members with faculty experience

Stay tuned for updates as this tool takes shape!

Training Program Recruitment Success

A big thank you to all those who assisted in training recruitment!

The recruitment efforts of our Steering Committee members paid off! Just days after posting our training program flyer to the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) board and ClinSTAR Listserv, we successfully recruited a large group of researchers and students.

Perspective trainees are looking to hone their engagement skills to design engagement methods, build meaningful partnerships, and develop competitive funding concepts.

What will the training program look like?

- From October 2023-April 2024 trainees gain access to monthly live training sessions over Zoom!
- By joining a special page on the Aging Research Network, Trainees will find both live and recorded training sessions, engagement resources, and discussion boards to connect with each other between sessions.
- Training sessions will include lectures, open discussions, and special features from mentors specializing in diverse partnerships

What will the training cover?

Trainees will be placed in one of three learning communities:

- Engagement Foundations
 - This Learning Community will take trainees from the history of engagement to the benefits of engaging at every stage of research to strategies for making it work in their environment
- Engaged Partnerships
 - This Learning Community will demystify meaningful partnerships and offer concrete steps to building and maintaining them
- Engagement Structures
 - This Learning Community will provide trainees with tools to build trust, manage conflict, engage diverse lenses, and effectively inform their projects through group process.



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