Aging PCOR Learning Collaborative Updates

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October Edition

Thank you for your contributions to the Learning Collaborative!

We have a lot of exciting news to share!

Welcome Baby Maeve!

The Learning Collaborative community just got a little bit bigger! On Sept 22, our very own Taylor Gray and his wife welcomed their daughter, Maeve Adams Gray into the world.

Congratulations Taylor and welcome Maeve!

Upcoming Activities

- Measurement Matters Kickoff Webinar: Oct 27, 1-2pm EST
- Subcommittee Committee Meeting: November 13, 1:30-3PM EST
- Steering Committee Meeting: November 17, 2-3:15 pm EST

Join the Measurement

Matters Webinar

Join us on October 27th from 1-2pm EST to learn about our newest project, Measurement Matters, where we are striving to effectively measure engagement in research. All are welcome! Learn more **here!**

Training Kicks off

Our Training and Mentorship Program launches this November! Thanks to recruitment efforts by our partners, 27 trainees are joining one or more of our training modules covering Engagement Foundations, Engagement Partnerships, and Engagement Structures. Learn more about the program **here!**

Our Research Feedback Sessions are Going Live!

This November, the Learning Collaborative is launching **Research Feedback Sessions** to support students and researchers to seek older adult input on their research. Members from our Older Adult Subcommittee will join applicants via Zoom to offer their perspective on aging research designs, methods, recruitment strategies, and more!

How does everyone prepare?

Our Learning Collaborative team provided Subcommittee members with a **Research 101 training** to help them prepare for their exciting new role. To help students and researchers prepare, our team shared a **Facilitation Guide** (informed by our Subcommittee) and helped simplify and strengthen slide decks.

To ensure transparency in research, all researchers that work with the group must follow our system for closing the loop, including demonstrating how feedback informed their work.

What kind of research will the group discuss?

This Fall, our Older Adult Feedback Sessions will include researchers who are working on the following research topics:

- "Attitudes of Older Adults Towards Continuing Education"
- "Early Detection of Dementia in Vietnamese Speaking Populations in Primary Care"

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting activity! We'll share how engaging older adults impacts research, researchers, and our Older Adult Subcommitee!

Meet us at GSA!

Planning to attend the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference this November? Stop by the UMass Boston booth to pick up some Aging PCOR Learning Collaborative swag! The Learning Collaborative team will be at GSA to learn and connect with other researchers committed to engagement. **See you there!**



Reminders:

1. Visit the Aging Research Network!



The <u>Aging Research Network (ARN)</u> is a virtual platform where researchers, students, older adults, caregivers, funders, and academic leaders gather to learn, share, and connect with others interested in engaged research!

The ARN relies on Learning Collaborative partners, like yourself, to keep it active and welcoming as new members join. Please take a moment this month to post, comment, or start a conversation.



Already a member? Visit the ARN <u>here!</u>

Have questions or ideas? Contact Taylor at <u>t.gray.19967@gmail.com</u>

2. Check in about stipends!

Stipends are distributed November 1st!

Steering and Subcommittee Members not already compensated for their work with the Learning Collaborative are eligible for a stipend to demonstrate our appreciation of your time and contributions.

Subcommittee Members: Please take a moment to respond to the stipend poll sent from Taylor via email.

Steering Committee Members: Please take a moment to respond to Sophia's email about stipends.