

Health Disparities Among Older Adults

Program Description

This program will cover the topic of Health Disparities in Older Adults. Participants will gain an understanding of various health disparities and why older adults are particularly susceptible to the effects of such health disparities. The presenter will share the latest research in health disparity prevalence and trends. In addition, the workshop will cover how health professionals' awareness of health disparities can help reduce them and support care recipients.

This program will further explore the impact of intersecting identities as they impact older adults. Special emphasis will be spent talking about how COVID has impact this population.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants should be able to:

1. Explain what a health disparity is.
2. Examine ways they have seen health disparities at play in their work.
3. Distinguish between what a health disparity is and what they are not.
4. Identify way in which they can reduce health disparities for Older Adults.
5. Analyze ways in which the structures in their organization promote health disparities and identify stereotypes that impede patient care.
6. Discuss how they may be a part of changing those structures to create change.

Target Audience

Health and Human Service Professionals who work with Older Adults and their caregivers.

Contact Hours

2.0 credit hours

Program Agenda

9 AM to 10:00 AM	Health Disparities and the Impact on Older Adults Latest Research on Health Disparities Reducing Health Disparities/Supporting Care Recipients
10:00 AM to 10:15 PM	Break
10:15 AM to 11:00 AM	Intersecting Identities and Older Adults Impact of COVID-19

Faculty

Annamae T. Giles, MSW, serves as the Program Coordinator for the Cares program at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. With over 25 years of experience in both macro and direct practice, Annamae's expertise spans healthcare, end-of-life care, substance use prevention, and aging. Her time with the UNC SSW began in the Winston

Salem 3-year MSW Program in 2014, where she contributed as a practicum faculty as well as teaching adult development and social welfare policy.

Currently, Annamae leads a variety of initiatives within the Cares program. She coordinates a project funded by the NC Money Follows the Person program, aimed at assisting Medicaid-eligible North Carolinians transition from inpatient facilities to independent living with support. In addition to this, she co-facilitates the NC Dementia Friendly Communities and Hospitals Network and the Coalition for Dementia Capable NC, assisting the state in its commitment to improve dementia care and awareness. Annamae is project coordinator for the Cares role as NC Affiliate for the Southeast ADA Center, focusing on inclusivity and accessibility. Furthermore, she is involved in workforce training projects for the Division of Aging and Adult Services of NC DHHS, dedicated to enhancing services for the aging population and adult services sector.