IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Paired Care: Collaborative Caregiving at Kingsborough

Home Health professionals and family members of senior citizens are teaming up through Kingsborough’s innovative new training program, Paired Care. Funded by the International Longevity Center, with support from the Met Life Foundation, Paired Care emphasizes collaborative caregiving between family caregivers and paid Personal Care Aides (PCA) or Home Health Aides (HHA).

The goal of Paired Care is to form a strong working relationship between family caretakers and the PCA/HHA, ultimately leading to higher job satisfaction among the paid Home Health professionals, and higher satisfaction among older adults with the care they receive. Through the paired Care training, PCAs and HHAs learn about issues relevant to being paid employees providing at-home care while family caregivers learn how to provide support, resources, guidance, and supervision to the PCA or HHA. Family caregivers and PCAs/HHAs learn how to work together toward their common goal of improved quality of life for the older adults receiving care.

With the highest proportion of older adults in New York City, South Brooklyn was the perfect location for this grant funded project. Curriculum development and project implementation is being handled through Kingsborough’s Office of Continuing Education, with John L. Aaron, the Office’s Director of Marketing and Corporate Training, as the Principal Coordinator of the program.

The college’s Office of Continuing Education worked with the Office of College Advancement to apply for funding. With the project already underway, John Aaron says, “The modular program is innovative in its execution, by addressing the needs and concerns of both the paid caregiver and the family member in separate modules, then bringing the two groups together in the final sessions.” He added that flyers have been distributed to area home health agencies as well as families with individuals receiving home health assistance.

The management team of the funded grant includes staff with expertise in working with older adults. Dr. Karen Denard Goldman is a professor of Community Health. Ms. Beverly Collier directs My Turn, a program which allows senior citizens to take free classes at Kingsborough. Ms. Vickie DiMartino is the Associate Director of Continuing Education/CEWD.

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact Kirstin Swanson, Associate Director of Development, or Kelly Freidenfelds, Assistant Director of Development, to discuss your proposed project.

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Each year, CUNY provides funding to teams of researchers led by community college faculty. These grants are intended as seed funds to launch a line of research. Faculty members in all academic departments are eligible to apply. Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by January 25, 2010; complete proposals are due on March 17, 2010. More details are available online at: http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding-programs/community-college-grant.html
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**CURRENT CALLS FOR PROPOSALS:**
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