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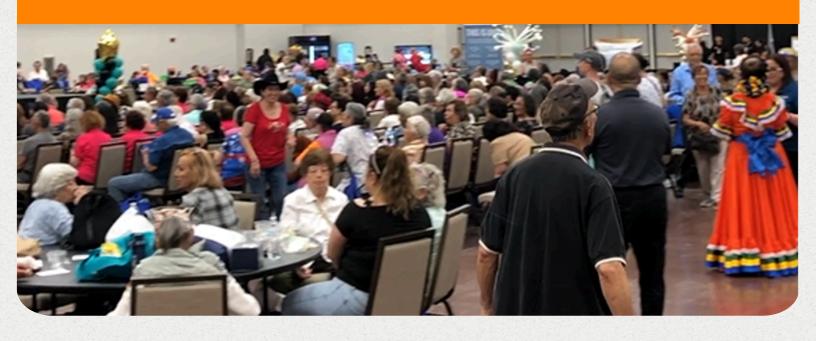
#### Who Are We?

The Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program at UTEP aims to **educate** and **train** the primary care and geriatric workforce to provide age-friendly and dementia-friendly care for older adults in integrated geriatric and primary care settings.

#### Mission

- 1) Deliver bilingual geriatric education and training for healthcare and geriatric care workforces.
- **2)** Emphasize comprehensive care for older adults, including those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD).
- **3)** Prioritize outreach to underserved Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN), and veteran communities.
- **4)** Partner with geriatric agencies to enhance patient and family engagement.





## Community Engagement and Partnerships





Our team proudly participated in the **Aging to Perfection Expo**, joining forces with the **University Medical Center (UMC)** and the **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** to host an exhibitor booth dedicated to promoting dementia awareness and age-friendly care.



We Distributed bilingual Alzheimer's educational booklets to attendees, helping families and caregivers access reliable information and resources in their preferred language.



During the event, **Dr.**Solis delivered a presentation on age-friendly care principles, engaging the community in meaningful conversations about supporting older adults with compassion, dignity, and respect.





#### **Booklet Distribution**

To date, we have distributed over 2,000 educational booklets among our partners and the broader community. These materials continue to be used actively in ongoing outreach activities, extending the impact of our work beyond the event itself.









## Enhancing Data Collection and Program Evaluation

Since the start of **PY2**, we have redesigned our data collection process to align with **HRSA** and **HHS** standards. In collaboration with **Helix Solutions**, we developed a new database system that ensures accurate data capture, supports evaluation, meets **IRB** requirements, and complies with **OMB Memorandum M-20-12**.

Thanks to this collaboration, we were also able to introduce a new automation system and launch our updated website, giving partners access to 10 online training modules and a full library of educational materials. You can now access our website by scanning the QR code.



### Online Training Modules Available

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Health Professional Courses

Foundations for Dementia Care CNA/HHA LEARNING PATH

CULTIVATING EMPATHY

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Interdisciplinary Student Courses



Foundations of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Practice for Interprofessional Age-Friendly Care



## Strengthening Age-Friendly and Dementia-Friendly Partnerships



We continue to build strong, reciprocal partnerships that expand **age-friendly** and **dementia-friendly care** across our community.

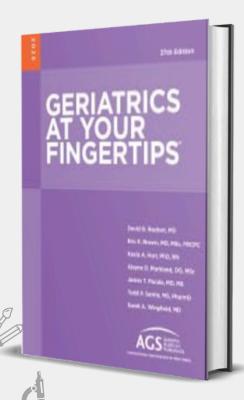
In collaboration with **Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX** and geriatric expert **Dr. Jonathan Singer**, our team participated in the **13th Annual EPAPN Continuing Education Conference. Dr. Solis** presented on Age-Friendly Health Systems, while **Dr. Singer** provided education on **Alzheimer's disease.** 

These sessions strengthened collaboration with academic and primary care partners, engaging professionals across disciplines and promoting best practices in caring for older adults. Over **80 nurse practitioners** participated in the sessions.



## Advancing Interprofessional Geriatrics and ADRD Education

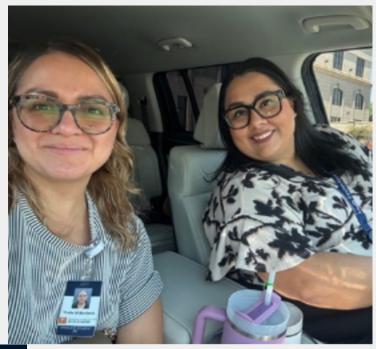
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (TTUHSC) was provided with educational resources to strengthen geriatrics and dementia education. These include an IQ3 sonogram machine, digital access to *Geriatrics at Your Fingertips*, and an artificial hip model, all designed to enhance students' practical skills and clinical knowledge.



#### Interdisciplinary Longitudinal Clinical Rotations

We coordinated interdisciplinary longitudinal clinical rotations (LCRs) for nine trainees across community primary care sites, FQHCs, and long-term care facilities.





Nine FNP students who began in Year 1 have completed their rotations, while four new FNP students from the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine and one SLP student have joined the program.

Participants also engaged in advanced research at *Dr.*Kumar's Alzheimer's lab, joined APS ride-alongs, and toured the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo's health facilities.

Each rotation offers at least **eight weeks of immersive**, **hands-on experience** in **age-friendly** and **dementia-friendly care settings**.



## Collaboration with Familias Triunfadoras

Through GWEP support, we sponsored 10 promotoras de salud who completed their Community Health Worker certification course (funded in Year 1) with additional training in geriatrics. These graduates are now applying their skills by conducting community outreach and promoting age-friendly health education.

Building on this success, we are now leveraging dedicated resources for Familias Triunfadoras to expand our geriatric education and outreach efforts, engaging these trained promotoras to better serve older adults in the community.

We held the first GWEP yearly update for all our partners, where we discussed and reported to all our partners GWEPs achievements and progress throughout year 1. This event happened on Oct 1st 2025







### High School Double T's Honor Society Presentation

We presented to **100 students** interested in medical fields, introducing them to **careers in geriatrics** and sharing information about the **Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP).** 

The session included **interactive activities** designed to engage students and provide exposure to the opportunities available in aging and healthcare.





### **Upcoming Events**

#### Introduction to Age-Friendly Health Systems Webinar

🛅 January 29, 2026 | 12:00 PM

Join us for an **Introduction to Age-Friendly Health Systems** webinar, a kickoff event leading up to our upcoming **AFHS Conference**. This session will provide an overview of the **4Ms framework** and key strategies for integrating age-friendly principles into clinical practice.

Stay tuned for registration details and the conference announcement!



## 2nd Annual Age-Friendly Health Systems (AFHS) Conference

- 🚃 February 6, 2026 | 9:00 AM 1:30PM
- 📍 Board Room, EPCC Administrative Building

The **Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)** invites healthcare professionals, community partners, and advocates to the **second Age-Friendly Health Systems (AFHS)** Conference. Together, we will explore best practices in caring for older adults through the **4Ms of Age-Friendly Care:** What Matters, Medication, Mentation, and Mobility.

## ADRD Interdisciplinary Student Event

march 6, 2026 | 8:00 AM

We are hosting the **ADRD**Interdisciplinary Student Event,
featuring two sessions—morning and
afternoon—designed to provide students
with hands-on learning in geriatrics and
dementia care.

Participants will explore the 4Ms
framework, engage in case study
exercises, and experience Dementia
Live® training to gain a deeper
understanding of the challenges faced by
older adults with cognitive impairments.





### **Upcoming Community Education**

#### **Alzheimer's Disease Update**

- Spring Session 1: February 9 March 14, 2026 (Exact Date TBD)
  - Memorial Gym, OLLI Program

As part of our community engagement, we are partnering with **UTEP's OLLI** to offer a **70-minute GWEP course** tailored to participants' educational needs.

The session will be led by **Dr. Sarah Y. Jimenez**, community educator, support group facilitator, and board member of the **West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association**. Dr. Jimenez is dedicated to advancing **health equity** and will present "Alzheimer's **Disease Update: Evaluation and Treatment.**"

Stay tuned for the confirmed date and join us to learn about the latest advances in Alzheimer's care and strategies for supporting older adults.

## **Upcoming Webinar Series**

#### **Lunch & Learn with Dr. Jonathan Singer**

March 12, 19 & 26, 2026

We are excited to launch our **Lunch & Learn series** featuring **Dr. Jonathan Singer**, a geriatrics expert from **Lubbock, Texas**. This webinar series will focus on performing the **Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)** and will cover topics including **telehealth, AWV-based diagnosis**, and the **Memory Clinic.** 

Dr. Singer will share the **latest updates on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD)**, providing practical guidance for healthcare providers and caregivers alike.





### Year 2 - Quarter 1

This period has been one of **growth**, **collaboration**, and **meaningful impact**. None of it would have been possible without the unwavering support of our partners, funders, and community members. We deeply appreciate your trust and commitment to our mission.

As we look ahead, we remain inspired by what we've accomplished together—and excited for what's to come.







#### **Additional Resources:**



#### **Social Media:**



Instagram



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