

Evaluation of the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Project Overview

The purpose of this project was to assess the effectiveness of the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program (CGEP) as an approach to achieving national geriatric education objectives. Insight provided descriptive information on grantee programs and activities to illustrate how CGEP best supported geriatric training and education for nurses and nurses’ aides. This included information on faculty activities, the extent to which activities impact students and curricula of those professional schools that employ the activities, and effects on the communities served.

The project had 4 main objectives:

1. Provide descriptive information on grantees to identify how grantees provide training and education on geriatric care for the elderly.
2. Evaluate the success of CGEP grantees in achieving the program’s goals and determine factors that influenced the degree of success.
3. Assess the broader impact of CGEP on geriatric education in the community and ascertain implications for future Federal efforts.
4. Make recommendations for improving the program.

As a subcontractor to The Lewin Group, Insight’s work for this project included the following:

- Document the history and evolution of CGEP.
- Describe and compare the 54 CGEP grantees. This included developing an individual profile of each CGEP grantee; obtaining, extracting, and compiling key information from grantee applications, progress reports, and other documents; and designing a comprehensive databank to house the information.
- Conduct case studies to analyze the implementation of the program in depth, including lessons learned and best practices.

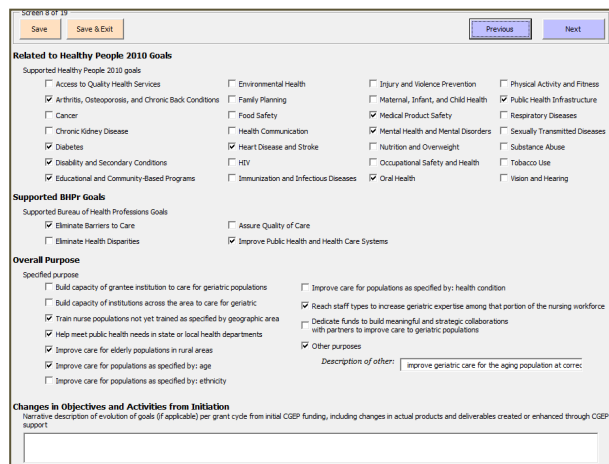
The evaluation provided the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions (BHP) with an understanding of how CGEP best contributes to increasing the number of nurses and nurse aides with geriatric training, with the goal of ensuring a qualified workforce that is equipped to meet the needs of the future aging population.

Core Activities

Program Evaluation; Literature Reviews and Environmental Scans; Qualitative Research; Secondary Data Analysis and Simulations; Site Visits; Policy Analysis and Assessment; Database Development

Products

Insight developed an Agency Access database that included key findings and data extracted from CGEP grant applications.



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Related to Healthy People 2010 Goals

Supported Healthy People 2010 goals

<input type="checkbox"/> Access to Quality Health Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury and Violence Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Activity and Fitness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Chronic Back Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Maternal, Infant, and Child Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Health Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Product Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Diseases
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Kidney Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health and Mental Disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexually Transmitted Diseases
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease and Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition and Overweight	<input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational and Community-Based Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Immunization and Infectious Diseases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Vision and Hearing

Supported BHP Goals

Supported Bureau of Health Professions Goals

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Barriers to Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Assure Quality of Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Health Disparities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve Public Health and Health Care Systems

Overall Purpose

Specified purpose

<input type="checkbox"/> Build capacity of grantee institution to care for geriatric populations	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve care for populations as specified by: health condition
<input type="checkbox"/> Build capacity of institutions across the area to care for geriatric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reach staff types to increase geriatric expertise among that portion of the nursing workforce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Train nurse populations not yet trained as specified by geographic area	<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicate funds to build meaningful and strategic collaborations with partners to improve care to geriatric populations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help meet public health needs in state or local health departments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other purposes: <input type="text" value="Description of other: improve geriatric care for the aging population at over"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve care for elderly populations in rural areas	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve care for populations as specified by: age	
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Changes in Objectives and Activities from Initiation

Narrative description of evolution of goals (if applicable) per grant cycle from initial CGEP funding, including changes in actual products and deliverables created or enhanced through CGEP support.