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“We [gained a] wealth of knowledge during service learning, not only through preparation [of the topic] but also through the audience [family caregivers] sharing their own appreciation and experiences.”

~ First year Nursing Doctorate Students~

Student Participation

The Prentiss Care Networks for Formal and Informal Caregivers of Older Adults is an interdisciplinary project with a community service focus. Undergraduate and graduate students can participate in training and social support for formal and informal caregivers of older adults as well as program and policy development. Examples of ways the project can fulfill student educational requirements are:

- “Community Engagement Through Service Learning”
- Research Internships
- Capstone experiences
- Independent study activities, which can be tailored to the needs of the student



Undergraduate and graduate students from Case and from other local colleges have participated in the project to date. Students have developed demonstration projects and training modules for formal caregivers and informal (family) caregivers and presented training programs in the community. Students have enjoyed the direct support of faculty in developing and presenting their work. Through the project, students are involved in meeting community needs while gaining valuable experiences and meeting academic objectives. Thus, through the Prentiss Care Networks project, our students and faculty are fostering partnerships with communities for improved student education, civic responsibility and the overall community health.

Community Collaboration

The Prentiss Care Networks has introduced the mission of the project to agencies in the community in order to bring training and support to formal and informal caregivers of older adults.

Several ways exist to participate as the project develops.

Agencies are welcome to contact the project staff to gather more information about how training and support might be brought to the caregivers with whom they work.





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Our Mission...

The mission of the Prentiss Caregiver Care Network Project is to enhance the quality of life of older adults in the Greater Cleveland area through education and training of caregivers. The objectives of the Project include:

- Focus informal caregiver outreach on educating and training nonprofessional caregivers
- The development of a community-based and managed care-net for caregivers, e.g. a community caregiver resource center, with the guidance and participation of a newly formed Community Advisory Board.
- On-site training of caregivers professionals, nonprofessionals, and volunteers

We want to do this by facilitating the development of a care-net which is to be a resource center for formal informal caregivers!

In the next issue...

Look forward to meeting the Community Advisory Board