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We Work Better Together:
Establishing a
Community of Practice



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OBJECTIVES

- 1. Describe the Community of Practice on Aging (CoPA)**
- 2. Explain the three pillars of the CoPA: community, education, and scholarship**
- 3. Discuss a process for connecting and supporting community partners**
- 4. Identify expertise of high impact community partners**



What's your need?

Sticky Notes

Start thinking about a need in your community – jot it down on the sticky notes in front of you

We will collect in a few minutes

DESCRIPTION

- Interdisciplinary educational and research-based community of practice
- Focused on aging from a holistic perspective
- Welcome expertise in diverse research, educational methods, and evidence-based interventions
- Workforce development and community engagement
- Capitalize on diverse resources to foster community-university partnerships.

ASPIRATIONS

Community of Practice on Aging (CoPA) aspire to increase awareness on the experiences and complexities of aging.

- Community-based participatory scholarship and education
- Promote mentoring of faculty, students, and community partners and stakeholders
- Engage in opportunities unique to the border region.
- Develop and implement undergraduate and graduate certificates in aging.

Our Ultimate goal is to develop a Center on Aging

HISTORY

2017 - Research Project: Initial activity in Fall Prevention

2018 - CoP Aging formally established in UTEP: descriptions and aspirations formulated with both academic and community partners

2019 - Monthly meetings with guest speakers and invites to community activities

2020 - Focus on Center for Aging

2022 - Reviewing our focus



THREE PILLARS

Community Service

Volunteer opportunities for students & faculty
Resource identification

Education

Identification of sites for clinical rotation
Courses for students that address aging

Research

Collaboration & networking for projects

PROCESS

1. How did you identify potential members?
2. How often do you meet? What is your strategy for communication?
<https://expertise.utep.edu/communities/communitypracticeaging>
3. How are the meetings organized?



PROGRESS

1. What are your current goals?
2. Who are your current partners?



BREAKOUT (10 mins)

- 1. What's the need?**
- 2. Who are your partners?**
- 3. How to get started?**



REPORT OUT

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