

Community Engagement Forum

As Part of the Series, "From Principles to Practice: Engaging Underserved Communities for Multilevel Impact"

Tapping into Talent: The Older Adult Research Specialist (OARS) Program and Its Impact

Wednesday, January 22nd

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

This meeting will be held via Zoom.

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Older adults are the fastest-growing demographic in the U.S., with 60% expressing a desire to remain engaged in meaningful work. The Older Adult Research Specialist (OARS) program, created and housed at the Anschutz Medical Campus, is harnessing this untapped potential by engaging members of the community in research by preparing older adults to contribute to research teams with valuable skills, knowledge, and transferrable experience.

This session will explore:

- The demographics and workforce needs in Colorado, including a specific link to older adults in community.
- The training and preparation OARS graduates receive and how it aligns with research standards like CITI training.
- The unique strengths older adults bring to research roles, illustrated through compelling success stories from graduates and their teams.
- Strategies for hiring, including the benefits of considering multiple graduates for one role.
- Program impact, including employment longevity, ongoing feedback, and quarterly gatherings to address challenges like technology adaptation.

Join us to learn how the OARS program builds research capacity while creating meaningful roles for older adults, driving diversity, enriching research teams, and is a resource your team can utilize.



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