Fox GERI News

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FOX REHABILITATION/FOX GERI ATTEND "THE ROSALYNN CARTER INSTITUTE FOR CAREGIVING CONFERENCE"

On October 22-24, 2008 Fox Rehab/Fox GERI was invited and presented at the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving Conference "Raising the Bar: Implementing Evidence-Based Programs for Caregivers" in Americus, Georgia. Mimi Jacobs, PT, GCS, OCS Executive Director of Fox GERI and Project Coordinator for Fox Rehab's translation of the evidence-based program The Environmental-Skill Building Plus (ESP+) Program and Karie Angstadt, OTR/L Fox Rehab's Director of Dementia Services and Director of Occupational Therapy Services attended the conference. Ms. Jacobs presented to the conference attendees on the successes and challenges of Fox Rehab/Fox GERI's Year 01 of the ESP+ translational process and plans for continued implementation in Year 02 of the project.

FOX GERI AWARDED ADDITIONAL $50,000 GRANT FROM RCI/J&J

Left to Right: Karie, Mimi, Sharon D'Agostino and Lillienne Yeung (both from J&J)

On October 23, 2008 at the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving Conference "Raising the Bar: Implementing Evidence-Based Programs for Caregivers" in Americus, Georgia, Fox GERI was awarded an additional $50,000 grant from the Rosalynn Carter Institute and Johnson & Johnson to continue the implementation and translation of the evidence-based caregiver program, ESP+ in Year 02. ESP+ is a theory and evidence-based program, developed by Dr. Laura Gitlin at the Center for Applied Research on Aging and Health at Thomas Jefferson University, that has been proven to decrease behavioral occurrences among individuals with dementia, maintain ability of dementia patients to engage in everyday activities of living, enhance family caregiver skill mastery and sense of confidence, as well as decrease family caregiver upset, burden and depression. ESP+ is a tailored and customized client-centered, culturally relevant, specific and sensitive intervention. It is problem-solving oriented and includes active involvement of the caregiver and dementia patient, if possible.

CARAH AND FOX REHABILITATION/FOX GERI PRESENT AT THE GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA (GSA) CONFERENCE

The collaboration among CARAH, Fox Rehab and Fox GERI to translate the evidence-based ESP+ Program was featured twice during the 5 day conference. Dr. Laura Gitlin, Director of the Center for Applied Research on Aging and Health (CARAH) at Thomas Jefferson University presented "Integrating a Proven Occupational Therapy Home-based Caregiver Intervention in a Geriatric Rehabilitation Company" at the 61st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 21-25, 2008 in National Harbor, MD.