

Frailty in Old Age: Understanding Vulnerability & Supporting Elders in Valued Social Roles

Description

This workshop examines the societal values and trends which mediate against elders having the typical, valued roles that they experienced at a younger age. The workshop reviews the common life experiences of elders, with particular attention paid to the harm that gets done when they are segregated and congregated. We will further explore obstacles that elders who receive services face in acquiring and/or maintaining a typical life. Included is an exploration of how valued social roles are an essential piece in the attainment and maintenance of valued status in society.

What Participants Will Learn

- To recognize social trends that make elders vulnerable
- How fixation on impairment contributes to social harm
- The dynamics of role expectancy and role circularity
- Positive strategies in support of valued social roles for elders

Workshop Format

This is a one-day workshop (typical schedule 9:30 am to 3:30 pm).

About the Presenter

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