Geriatric Outreach and Training with Care (GOT Care!) Interprofessional Practice Model Description

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The Geriatric Outreach and Training with Care (GOT Care!) Interprofessional Practice Model Graphic Illustration (Malcolm, M. & French, S., 2014) depicts the overall coherence, synchronization, and shared efforts of the GOT Care! Interprofessional Practice Model. Through this model, a well-trained interprofessional health care team connects to an older person and their foundational support system with the caring “heart”. This model illustrates a harmonious collaboration, with the intent to prepare and enhance the interprofessional geriatric health care work force, while simultaneously improving health care outcomes for the older person.

Components of the Model:

The Interprofessional Team: Each of the outer circles represents the faculty and students of the various health care disciplines included in the GOT Care! Interprofessional Team. The interlocking loop of disciplines depicts the interprofessional process of communication, collaboration, and cooperation in the training and outreach program to deliver care to both the older person and their support system.

The Heart: The heart represents the “Care” in GOT Care! and is the central continuous and linking structure which connects the inner and outer dimensions of the model. The heart links, at the top, to the older person, and runs through each component of their support system and the interlocking loop representing the interprofessional team.

The Older Person: Within the center of this model, is the bright pink circle depicting the older person. This vibrant circle stands out among the other muted circles of the model, to highlight the older person as “the pulse of” and vital focus for the GOT Care! Project.

The Support System: The four individual, but interlocking circles beneath the older person represent a strong base of support. These circles include Family, Caregiver, Primary Care, and Community Supports, which each play a critical role in helping the older person meet their needs. These circles are gray, similar to that of a resilient building foundation.