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Advancing a Well-Trained Workforce to Care for Us as We Age



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EWA Mission

Addressing the immediate and future workforce needs in caring for an aging America by advancing recommendations in the IOM reports:

• 2008 IOM Report: "Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce"





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Overall Health Workforce

2008 IoM Report: TABLE 4-1

Number of Providers in 2005 and Projected Number Needed in 2030 to Maintain Current Provider-to-Population Ratios (in 1000s) Numbers of Providers in 2016-2018 compared to 2005 numbers listed in the 2008 IoM Report

| | 2005 | 2030 | Difference | 2016-2018 | Increase from 2005 |
|-------------------|-------|--------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total health | 9,994 | 13,522 | 3,528 | 16,866 (2018) ¹ | 6,872 |
| providers | | | | | |
| Registered nurses | 2,458 | 3,326 | 868 | 2,952 (2018) ² | 494 |
| Nursing aides | 2,009 | 2,719 | 709 | 2,356 (2018) ¹ | 347 |
| Physicians | 804 | 1,088 | 284 | 954 (2016) ³ | 150 |
| LPNs/Voc nurses | 654 | 885 | 231 | 702 (2018) ¹ | 48 |
| Pharmacists | 236 | 319 | 83 | 314 (2018) ^₄ | 151 |
| Dentists | 163 | 220 | 57 | 199 (2018) ⁵ | 36 |
| Other providers | 3,670 | 4,965 | 1,295 | 9,389 | 5,719 |

NOTE: Numbers are for overall health care workforce and not limited to geriatric population. 2008 SOURCE: Mather, 2007.

2016-2018 Sources: 1. Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Dept of Labor, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2018.

- 2. Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Dept of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2018.
- 3. Young A. et al: A Census of Actively Licensed Physicians in the United States, 2016. J Med Regul. 2017;103:7-21.

4. Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Dept of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2019.; 5. ADA Health Policy Institute, 2018

Note: Data on nurse aides only includes BLS categories of Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides.



The Direct Care Workforce





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Demand Changes in the Direct Care Workforce



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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Center for Health Workforce Analysis. 2017. Long-Term Services and Supports: Direct Care Worker Demand Projections, 2015-2030. Rockville, Maryland

IoM Recommendation on Wages

Greater professional recognition and salary commensurate with increased responsibilities

Direct Care Workforce Wage Changes

Mean Hourly Wages for Direct-Care Occupations by Setting, 2006 versus 2018

| | Home Health | Home Health | Personal Care | Personal Care |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Aides, 2006 | Aides, 2018 | Aides, 2006 | Aides, 2018 |
| All settings | 9.34 | 12.18 | 8.34 | 12.06 |
| Home Health Care Services | 9.14 | 11.99 | 7.19 | 10.93 |
| Nursing Care Facilities | 9.76 | 12.60 | NA | NA |
| Residential Intellectual; DD, Mer and Substance Abuse Facilities | 12.01 | 9.18 | 12.15 | |
| NOTE: NA = not available | | | | |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Home Health Aides and Personal Care Aides,



Social Workers in Eldercare



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Sources: ASPE, 2006; Center for Health Workforce Studies, 2006; Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Home Health Aides and Personal Care Aides Salsberg, E., Quigley, L., Mehfoud, N., Acquaviva, K. D., Wyche, K., & Silwa, S. (2017). Profile of the social work workforce.,

https://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=wmj7uAw4q8E%3d&portalid=0

Coordinated Care







Success of the GACA Program

Professional Development

 92% of respondents to a national survey of GACA awardees stated that the GACA award facilitated their professional development

Training for the Geriatric Workforce

• GACA awards resulted in reaching an estimated 40,700 additional learners caring for older adults

Source: Foley, K. T., Luz, C. C., Hanson, K. V., Hao, Y., & Ray, E. M. (2017). A national survey on the effect of the Geriatric Academic Career Award in advancing academic geriatric medicine. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

How can we move forward?

- Integration of care teams (across healthcare including the direct care workforce and social care)
- Expand training in geriatrics of entire workforce through expansion of programs such as GWEPs
- Professionalize the direct care workforce
 - With competency and professional standards, and good training, higher wages should follow



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