



University of Kentucky
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Geriatric Education Center
(OVAR/GEC)

OVAR/GEC 2005 Best Practices Awards

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OVAR/GEC BEST CARE PRACTICES AWARDS

The OVAR/GEC was established in 1985 to enhance geriatric education and improve services for older persons throughout KY, southern Indiana, southern Ohio, southwestern Virginia, and eastern Tennessee. The current focus of the OVAR/GEC is to develop a Best Care Practices interactive web-based continuing education program and a database, which provides a repository for Best Care Practices from across the region. Best Care Practices are more than just good ideas. They are evidence-based and have improved outcomes to the care of older persons in a quantifiable way.

What is a Best Care Practice?

Examples could be...

- Alternative methods for delivering quality care
- Creative solutions for working with diverse ethno-geriatric populations
- Unique community collaborations between faith communities and formal service agencies
- Intergenerational programs for school children and elders in the community



**How to nominate
a Best Care Practice:**

1. Fill out a nomination form for each Best Care Practice to be considered from each facility.

(To receive a nomination form contact the UK OVAR/GEC Office or print one from the OVAR/GEC web page at www.research.uky.edu/aging/Gec/).

2. While filling the application out, feel free to contact the UK OVAR/GEC with any questions on the nomination process.
3. Once your nomination form is complete, return it to the UK OVAR/GEC office either by mail, or faxed, or email attachment.
4. Nominations for Best Care Practices are accepted every year. The nomination form will specify the date. **(February 15, 2005)**
5. The nominations will be reviewed by a regional peer review panel from the field of aging.
6. Nominees may be asked to provide additional information via telephone or personal interview.
7. A total of 4 programs will be chosen to receive a Best Care Practice Award at the UK Summer Series on Aging. (June 27-29, 2005)

Frequently Asked Questions?

What setting can nominate a Best Care Practice Program?

Any health care and community setting

What departments can nominate a Best Care Practice Program?

Any department, such as...

Activities
Administration
Dietary Services
Environmental Services
Facility Operations
Nursing
Transportation
Volunteer Services
Social Services

Who can nominate a program?

Anyone.

Can I nominate my own program?

Yes, please do!

➔ Send your nomination in today!

For further information or a nomination form contact:

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2004 Best Care Practice Recipients

Volunteer Caregiver Program Caregiver Training

Sandra Robertson
University of Louisville School of Nursing
Louisville, KY

Pharmacy Connect of Southwest Virginia

Ms. Marilyn Pace Maxwell
Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.
Big Stone Gap, VA

SKYCAP (Southeast Kentucky Community Access Program)

Ms. Fran Feltner, RN
University of Kentucky
Center for Rural Health
Hazard, KY

Learning Advantages Home Health Aide Training Program

Ms. Christine Brand & Ms. Cynthia Fischer
Cincinnati, OH