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AREA OF EXPERTISE

LaTrica Rhynes-Hicks, Ph.D. is a Gerontologist with expertise in inter-disciplinary research on aging, retirement, older adult sustainable living, elder abuse, aging program development, aging sensitivity training, Dementia care and grandparent rearing grandchildren. Her work has appeared in the peer review journal of Intergenerational Relationships. Dr. Rhynes-Hicks has written and was awarded several grants which include the NCTCOG Grant for Elder Abuse and the NTNP Grant for Fall Prevention in older adults. Courses that she has taught include Green Living Sustainability in Older Adults, Psychology of Adult Development, Special Topics in Gerontology, Ethnicity and Aging and is currently teaching Introduction to Gerontology, Aging and Mental Health, Social Work and Aging, and Dementia Care giving training.

EDUCATION

M.A. 2013 Health Care Administration, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona
Ph.D. 2009 Gerontology, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas,
M.S. 1999 Gerontology, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
B.S. 1997 Psychology, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spring 2002-Present Adjunct Professor, Department of Social Sciences, DCCCD: Eastfield Community College
Mesquite, Texas
Summer 2010-2012 Adjunct Professor, College of Public Affairs and Community Services, University of North Texas
Denton, Texas
Fall 1998-1999 Teaching Assistant, Department of Gerontology, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

PUBLICATIONS

Rhynes, L., Hayslip, B., Caballero, D. M., Ingman, S. (2013). The Beneficial Effects of Senior Center Attendance in Grandparents rearing Grandchildren. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 11:162-175, 2013

GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS

North Central Texas Council of Government Grant for Elder Abuse
North Texas Nurse Practitioner Philanthropy Clinical Grant
Graduate Stipend

PRESENTATIONS

Rhynes, L. (2008). *The need for a case management component in APS Service Delivery*. Session presentation at UNT Denton Aging Symposium.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Dementia Practitioner
Certified Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Trainer
Certified Mediator
Heart Saver CPR AED

SERVICE

Positive Beginnings, Parent Mentor, Dallas, Texas
Frederick Douglas School, Classroom Assistant, Dallas, Tx
Foster Grandparent Conference, Instructor, Memphis, Tennessee
Meals on Wheels, Community Outreach Coordinator, Waco, Tx
COD, Annual MLK Banquet & Parade
New Birth Baptist Church, Nursery Assistant, Dallas, Tx
Juvenile Detention Center, Christian Counselor, Dallas, Tx
Baylor Grandparents Weekend, Host Coordinator, Waco, Tx
COD, Seniors Thanksgiving Basket Coordinator, Dallas, Tx

HONORS AND AWARDS

Adjunct-Excellent In Teaching Award of the year, Dallas County Community District
City of Dallas Hall of Honor for Outstanding Customer Service
Recognized by Mayor, appointed as Lead organizer for the City of Dallas placement & services for Hurricane Katrina evacuees
Recognized by National Council on Aging for assistance in Fall Prevention Info-graphics

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Social Work, Substance Abuse, and Gerontology Program Advisory Board Member
Patient Education Committee Member
Served as a member of the Mental Health Association
Served as a member of the Elder Abuse Coalition-Developed Postmen on patrol to prevent Elder Abuse Project
Served on the Office of Senior Affairs Board as a co-Administrator
Served on the Friends of MLK Board as an Administrator