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Care Partners

This innovative study, funded by NIH, will develop and test the efficacy and feasibility of a dyadic-based intervention (DT) program, delivered through state-of-the art computer technology (laptop). A novel feature of the investigation is its focus on **both** the early stage **family caregiver** and **the patient with AD** and the **integration** of an *augmented* evidenced-based caregiver intervention and evidenced-based cognitive/functional training for the patient. Hispanic, African American and White/Caucasian dyads will be enrolled in the project across the five boroughs.

Financial Capacity and Financial Exploitation in Diverse Older Adult Populations

This study is a longitudinal prospective study of multiple types of FE in a diverse sample of older adults. Examination of pathways to FE among the oldest old and in large ethnically diverse samples in a longitudinal design; inclusion of detailed cognitive function, financial skills/advice and support, and psychosocial factors; use of simulations of "real world" financial tasks and scam scenarios; and use of audio computer-assisted self-interviewing (A-CASI) to enhance privacy/reduce potential barriers to reporting FE are innovative and can inform interventions to help detect, prevent, and reduce FE in older adults.

Fittle Silver

The objectives of this NIH funded study are to examine the usability and efficacy for diverse older adults, of a new tablet-based intervention, the Fittle Silver System (FSS), that will provide: personalized behavior-change programs for improved diet and increased physical activity and online social interaction and support. The participants in this study will include older adults aged 65+ years in three ethnic groups: White American, Hispanic and Black/African American) who are socially isolated.

(CREATE) Center for Research and Education for Aging and Technology Enhancement

CREATE is a multi-site, multidisciplinary Center funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging (NIH/NIA) that involves collaboration with University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Florida State University. CREATE, originally funded in 1999, is dedicated to studying issues surrounding interactions between older adults and technology. The overarching goal of CREATE is to ensure that current and future generations of older adults are able to successfully use technology and the benefits of technology are realized for older adult populations. The focus of CREATE is on technology systems within the domains of health, work and living environments.

CREATE Research Project Technology Adoption and Older Adults

The focus of this study is to develop an understanding of the decisions older adults make with respect to their willingness to pursue adoption of technology-based applications that can potentially improve independence, well-being and performance of everyday tasks. Participants will view a presentation on 5 different technologies which you may not have heard of and have no experience with. Participants will be asked to complete questionnaires which ask for your opinions on the technologies. At the end of the session, participants will be asked to complete other questions and tests about their attention and memory.

CREATE WCM PRISM MCI

This study builds on CREATE's on-going PRISM 2.0 study and will involve evaluating the feasibility and usability of the PRISM 2.0 system for individuals with early amnestic Mild Cognitive Impairment (aMCI). The PRISM 2.0 system is a specially designed software system (designed by the CREATE team), which is intended to enhance cognitive and social engagement, knowledge of and access to resources, and provide memory aids and support. The PRISM 2.0 builds on the PRISM 1.0 system, which was successful in enhancing social support, wellbeing, and decreasing isolation among older adults at risk for social isolation.