



The New Jersey Foundation for Aging (NJFA) is a statewide nonprofit that works to improve and to support innovative approaches in the delivery of services that enable older adults to live in the community with independence and dignity. This mission is advanced through grant making to address unmet needs and through increasing society's awareness to influence public policy to create a better understanding of the issues that confront today's seniors and the seniors of tomorrow. The NJFA grew out of the NJ Association of Area Agencies on Aging in 1998. NJFA's approach is integrated and comprehensive; it looks not only at immediate outcomes through the support of local innovative programs, but it is also committed to affecting sustainable impact through advancing policy initiatives to improve the ability of all to 'age well' in New Jersey.



Wider Opportunities for Women

Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW) works nationally and in its home community of Washington, DC to achieve economic independence and equality of opportunity for women and girls at all stages of life. For over 40 years, WOW has been a leader in the areas of nontraditional employment, job training and education, welfare to work and workforce development policy. Since 1995, WOW has been devoted to the self-sufficiency of women and their families through the national Family Economic Self-Sufficiency project (FESS). Through FESS, WOW has reframed the national debate on social policies and programs from one that focuses on poverty to one that focuses on what it takes families to make ends meet. Building on FESS, WOW has expanded to meet its intergenerational mission of economic independence for women at all stages of life with the Elder Economic Security Initiative. For more information about WOW's programs go to www.wowonline.org or call WOW at 202-464-1596.



The Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston addresses social and economic issues associated with population aging. The Institute conducts applied research, analyzes policy issues, and engages in public education. It also encourages the participation of older people in aging services and policy development. In its work with local, state, national, and international organizations, the Institute has five priorities: 1) productive aging, that is, opportunities for older people to play useful social roles; 2) health care for the elderly; 3) long-term care for the elderly; 4) economic security for older adults; and 5) social and demographic research on aging. The Institute pays particular attention to the special needs of low-income and minority elderly.

The Gerontology Institute was created in 1984 by the Massachusetts Legislature. In 2003, the Gerontology Institute became a founding member of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston. The School brings together two Institutes and several policy-oriented graduate programs to advance their shared educational and public service missions. For more information about The Gerontology Institute visit the website: www.geront.umb.edu or email gerontology@umb.edu.