

## **Survival Issues for Village Model of Care for Older Adults**

Presenter:

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Time: 4pm to 5:30pm

Venue: Research Division Seminar Room (AS7 06-42)

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### **Abstract:**

With the growth in the older population in the United States and around the world, more attention focuses on where older adults will live and how they will receive needed care. This picture is complex with traditional models of care such as nursing homes being less popular and community based programs expanding. Less fiscal and administrative involvement by the public sector in the United States in long term care and the decreasing availability of family support for caring for older adults further complicate the caring service network picture. Many older people want to age in place which means staying in their home as long possible. One popular model of care is the Village Model where services provided in the older person's home facilitate an independent life. This form of care faces sustainability issues. Factors that contribute to longevity or lack thereof in two different village models will be discussed.

### **Presenter's profile:**

Professor Ruth Dunkle's research, teaching, and clinical practice focus on gerontology. Recent research projects include, "AGELESS ACTS", "Mothers of Adult Daughters with a Serious Mental Illness: The Experience of African Americans and Whites" and "An Historical Perspective of Social Service Delivery in Detroit in the Twentieth Century." From 1988-2006, Professor Dunkle served as a project co-director of the National Institute on Aging training program, "Social Research Training on Applied Issues of Aging". Currently, she also serves as co-director of the Geriatric Fellowship Program. Professor Dunkle has written or edited several books, most recently on the oldest old, which examines their future time perspectives and their coping strategies in dealing with the changes in their physical and psychological functioning, and which identifies relevant service delivery strategies for improving the quality of their lives. Her current work focuses on spousal caregiving, the Village Model of care as well as the impact of participation in creative aging activities on the well-being of older adults.

### **Sign up for Consultation with Professor Dunkle**

Academics and practitioners who would like to consult Professor Dunkle on specific issues relating to her research expertise could sign for a 45-minutes consultation session with her.

Eight 45-mins consultation sessions are available for sign-ups

Date: 8 and 9 February 2018

Time: 9am to 1pm

Venue: Research Division Seminar Room (AS7 06-43)

Address: 5 Arts Link, Singapore 117570 [parking is available at carpark 15]

Registration Interested participants may email your **name, organization, topic of interest and two preferred timeslots (Please indicate two preferred timeslots by the hour** (e.g. 9am to 10am and 12pm to 1pm) to Andrew at [fasalsk@nus.edu.sg](mailto:fasalsk@nus.edu.sg) by Thu, 1st Feb.

Please note that registration is only complete upon reception of a confirmation email

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