

# Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative John A. Hartford Foundation

Independent Evaluation  
by The Measurement Group



## Data Briefing 07 Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence: Policy Development Initiative

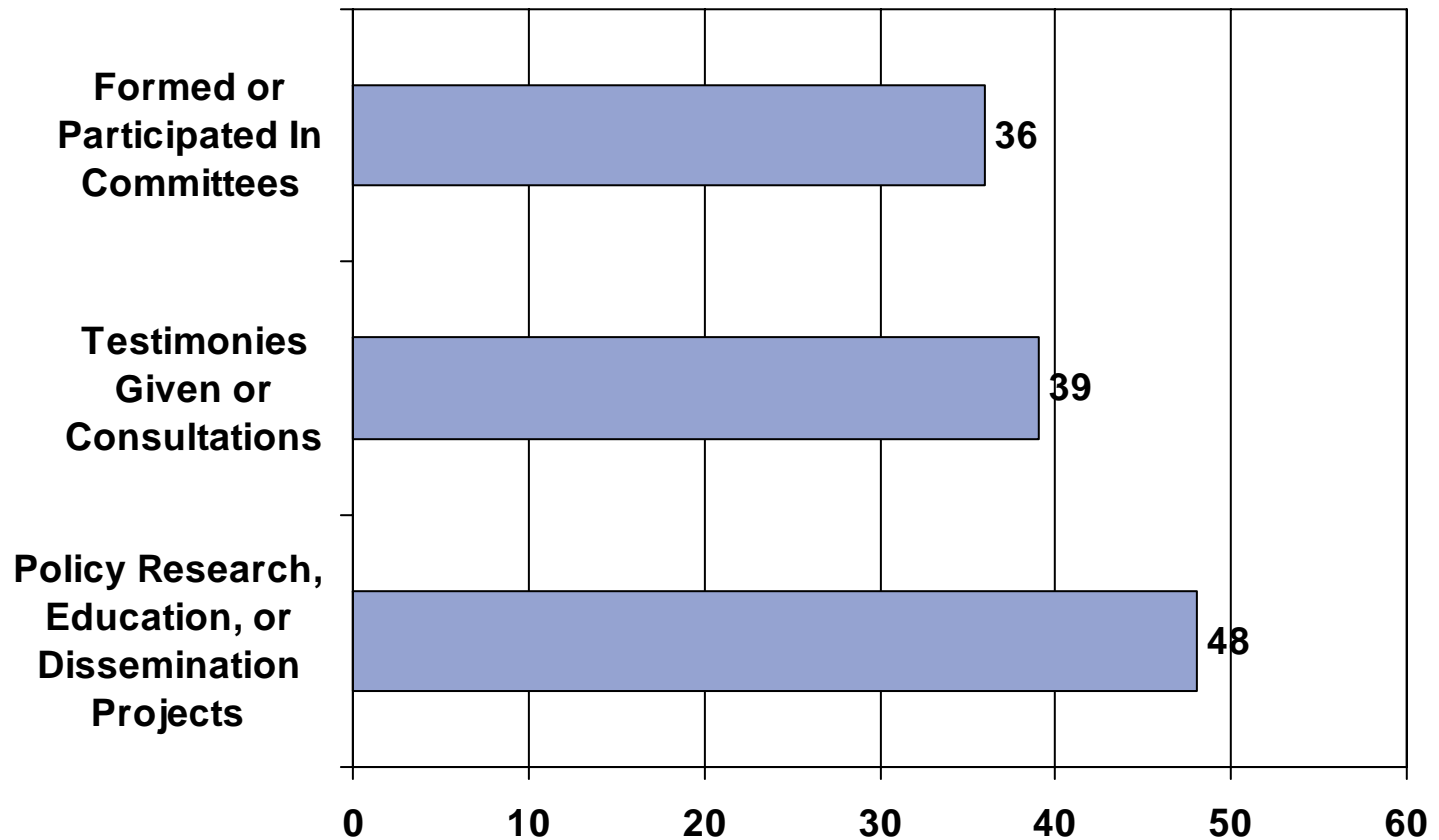
# The Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence

- In 2001, the John A. Hartford Foundation funded five Schools of Nursing in research-intensive universities as Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence [HCGNEs]
  - The Foundation utilized a highly competitive application process
- The five HCGNEs are as follows:
  - Oregon Health and Science University – focuses on developing best practice interventions to enhance geriatric care, building capacity to provide geriatric nursing training, and enhancing nursing scholars' research skills
  - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing – focuses on the objectives of improving geriatric nursing practice, increasing academic geriatric nursing capacity and nurse leadership, and enhancing research in the field
  - University of California San Francisco School of Nursing – has developed and implemented several student recruitment strategies, with special focus on minority student recruitment, as well as, enhancing students' interdisciplinary learning and leadership development opportunities
  - University of Iowa College of Nursing – promotes geriatric research, participates in the policy arena, enhances nursing education, and geriatric nursing practice in clinical settings
  - University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing – developed a faculty consortium to oversee goals of expanding the science of geriatric nursing, enhancing the care delivery systems, and promoting educational programs and student learning
- The initial funding five-year funding cycle [2001-2005] has been renewed [2006-2101]

# Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence: Policy Development

- Policy development is integral to Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence activities because the Centers recognize that policy affects care for the elderly in a more uniform and permanent way than most other activities
- The Centers' concentration of knowledge, research capacity, and leaders in the field of geriatric nursing makes them uniquely qualified to affect policy
- Major steps taken by the Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence to influence policy for services to the elderly include forming or participating in committees, providing testimony or consultation, and conducting policy research, education, and/or dissemination projects
- The Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence reported that participating in policy activities and serving on advisory committees increased visibility for geriatric nursing and the Centers

# Development Activities to Influence Policy for Services to the Elderly



# Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence: Policy Development

- Between 2001 and 2005
  - All 5 Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence participated as a committee or advisory board member
  - All 5 Centers disseminated information or provided education
  - All 5 Centers conducted research to inform policy
  - 4 of the 5 Centers held in-person discussions or provided consultations and testimony
- Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence engaged in activities to influence local and state policy related to the care of older adults
- Overall, the Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence learned that nurses need to be more educated and informed of the policy-making process and its impact on influencing health policy at the local, state and federal level
- Additionally, Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence expressed a desire for nurses to take a more active role in the policy-making arena. Specifically, Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence indicated that administrative support and resources are integral to promote opportunities for policy development

# Independent Evaluator's Conclusion

- An “ideal” Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence model is evolving from the diversity of the approaches used in the five Centers; the model is potentially transportable to many other schools of nursing that wish to improve their geriatric nursing programs
- Within the context of a successful Center, impacting policy is seen as an important activity
- The existing Centers are active in the areas of participating on existing policy committees, providing consultations or testimony, and conducting research or educational activities in support of policy development
- The development of policies for the nursing care of older adults that improve services is an important outcome of the program, and the Centers are utilizing appropriate methods to ensure that they will have maximum long-term impact in the area

# Appendix

## Background and Technical Information

# Independent Evaluation of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative by The Measurement Group

- The Measurement Group is a program evaluation and applied research consulting firm with offices located in Los Angeles, California, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and a national practice
- The Measurement Group specializes in the evaluation of health and social services programs, especially those programs targeted toward vulnerable members of society and supported through public funds and charitable contributions
  - Areas of interest include medical and social services for the elderly, mental health services, substance abuse programs, prevention, HIV/AIDS services, eliminating disparities in access to services, and training for healthcare and social service professionals
- The Measurement Group has been retained by the John A. Hartford Foundation to evaluate the component programs of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative between January 2001 and December 2007
- For contact information, see [www.TheMeasurementGroup.com](http://www.TheMeasurementGroup.com) or [www.GeriatricNursing.info](http://www.GeriatricNursing.info)

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# Caveats for this Data Briefing

- The data presented in this Data Briefing provide basic information on the number of policy-relevant activities being conducted at the Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence
- No distinction is made here between relatively long-term high resource activities [such as a web site on all nursing homes in California] and lower resource activities [such as a short presentation of testimony at a legislative hearing]
  - It is not known at this point whether higher resource activities will necessarily have a higher long-term impact upon policy and practices within the field; this is an open evaluation question that is critical to address in the future
- Significant future activities need to be addressed to determining the way that research, educational, and advocacy activities in the Centers for Geriatric Nursing Excellence ultimate influence [or fail to influence] public policy

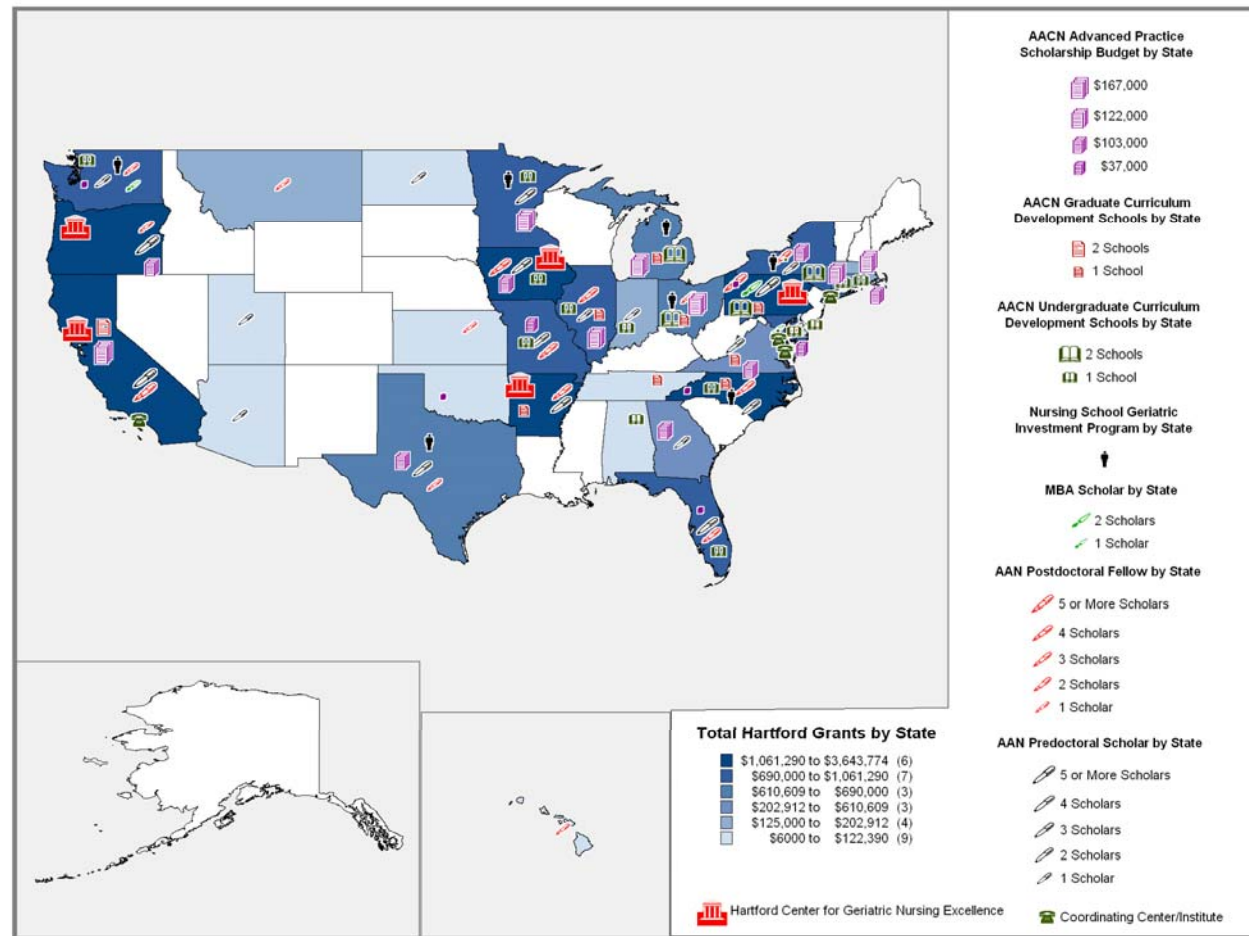
# Scope of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative

- 1 Initiative [Geriatric Nursing Initiative]
- 31 States
- 66 Schools of Nursing/Universities
- 3 Coordinating/Dissemination/Policy Centers
  - American Academy of Nursing [AAN]
  - American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN]
  - Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing [HIGN]

# Major Projects of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative

- AAN-Administered Hartford BAGNC Scholars and Fellows
  - Pre-Doctoral, Post-Doctoral, MBA
- Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence [HCGNE]
  - Oregon Health & Sciences University, University of Arkansas for Medical Science, University of California San Francisco, University of Iowa, and University of Pennsylvania
- Nursing School Geriatric Investment Program [NSGIP]
  - Case Western University, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Texas, University of Rochester, and University of Washington
- AACN-Administered Enhancing Gerontological/Geriatric Nursing Education for Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs
  - 20 Schools of Nursing received funding through AACN for undergraduate programs
  - 10 Schools of Nursing received funding through AACN for graduate programs
- AACN-Administered Creating Careers in Geriatric Advanced Practice Nursing
  - 23 Schools of Nursing received funding through AACN in the first cohort
  - 18 Schools of Nursing receive funding through AACN in the second cohort
- Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing
  - Multi-faceted education, policy, and research center
  - HIGN/NYU Scholars
- Leadership Conference
- Coordinating Center at the American Academy of Nursing

# Resources Allocated by State to the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiative



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