

Linda Cronk

Current title: Extension Educator

Areas of Expertise: Lifespan human development education, Geriatric education of health care professionals, Gerontology, Chronic Disease Self-Management/Behavior Change education.

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Work Experience:

MSU Extension Educator Liaison, MSU College of Human Medicine

2013

Provide support for the development of the CHM Health Research Liaison project. Provide curriculum coordination and community team leadership for the Geriatric Education Center of MI HRSA grant. Provide support to the MI Office of Services to the Aging CDSMP grant.

MSU Extension Educator, Institute for Health and Nutrition

2012 - present

Provide community health education focused on diabetes prevention and management through implementation of several evidence-based, CDC-recognized curricula to residents of northern Lower Michigan.

MSU Extension Educator, Institute for Health and Nutrition

2010-2012

State co-chair of the IHN Disease Prevention and Management work team. Coordinator of regional partnership with Area Agency on Aging of NW MI (AAANM) in Traverse City and Munson Community Health/Northern Michigan Diabetes Initiative, to expand Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (named PATH in Michigan) across the region. Leader for North Region PATH Master Trainers: facilitate regional planning for PATH expansion. MI Dept of Community Health PATH steering committee: plan statewide PATH conferences; provide leadership for statewide PATH expansion effort. Partner with Mercy Hospital Grayling Diabetes Education Program to implement Dining With Diabetes curriculum.

County Extension Director, Crawford County

2004-2010

Extension Educator, Crawford and Otsego counties

CED: Member of administrative team and Budget and Program Committee. Provided leadership within Crawford County, including supervisory, budgetary, programmatic, promotional, community relationships and liaisons, policy and procedure development, facility management.

Extension Educator: Strong program planning, development and implementation, well-developed communication skills, increasing use of technology for education and information sharing, strong facilitative and teaching skills, multiple well-developed external linkages at all levels.

MSUE Program Leader, FNP Program

2004

Assist with development of statewide, multi-million dollar USDA food stamp nutrition education grant in collaboration with Michigan Nutrition Network and FNP State Program Leader. Provide relevant research to meet grant application requirements. Work with FNP regional coordinators to ensure accurate grant information.

Extension Educator, FCS and North Region FNP coordinator

2001-2004

See above (Extension Educator). Coordinate North Region FNP program, oversee administrative requirements of the FNP program, provide leadership and administrative oversight to be in

compliance with grant requirements, develop consistent recordkeeping system throughout the region.

Education:

MA Education, Hamline University, 1999

Concentrations: Lifespan Human Development and Education

B A, Central Michigan University, 1971

Concentrations: English, Music, Education

Certifications:

- National Extension Leadership Development, September 2011
- Certificate in Gerontology, University of Washington, June 2010
- Certified Family Life Educator, Nat. Council on Family Relations, 2001, renew 2006
- Advanced Care Planning certification, Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center, WI, 2006
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Master Trainer certification, Stanford University, 2003/ 2010
- MBA Certificate Program for Nonprofit Organizations, U of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, 1990

Presentations:

Cronk, L. (2012) *Substance Abuse in Older Adults/GECM; Caregiving Basics/GECM*; Michigan Indian Education Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Cronk, L. (2010) *Chronic Disease Self-Management: Clinical Practices and Community Workshops*, MSU, CHM Residency program, Munson Family Practice Center, Traverse City, Michigan.

Boyle Robin, Cronk Linda, Doezema Dan, Fales Karla (2009). Forum panelist on Elder Friendly Communities presented at the Michigan Society of Gerontology Fall Forum, East Lansing, Michigan.

Cronk Linda and Wishart Dona (2008). Michigan Communities for a Lifetime. Project presentation presented at the Alternative Futures: Elder-Friendly Communities for Iowa conference, College of Design, Iowa State University.

Grants, Fellowships, Advanced Training:

- Wellcoaches Life Coach training, in association with American College of Sports Medicine, 2012
- Geriatric Education Center of Michigan, Community Resource Team, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, 2008 – present
- Northern Michigan Health Literacy seminar, 2006

Awards and Honors:

- MSUE Director's Meritorious Service Award, 2006
- Epsilon Sigma Phi Early Career Award, 2006
- State of Michigan Legislature, Special Tribute for Meritorious Educator, 2006

Professional Memberships:

- National Council on Family Relations
- Michigan Society of Gerontology
- National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Michigan Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Epsilon Sigma Phi