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*"The Center for Health Equity Transformation (CHET), Lexington Kentucky, is located on the original homeland of diverse Native peoples who arrived over 10,000 years ago. The most recent among them were the Shawnee. Today, Kentucky is still home to over 25,000 Native people representing scores of tribal groups. CHET recognizes the injustices Native peoples have endured. Through this statement, we hope to begin the long process of healing."*

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## CHET's Weekly Communication Digest

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### CHET Affiliated Researchers Featured on NBC News

Dr. Danelle Stevens-Watkins and her research team were featured in a story on NBC news this week.

The U.S. acknowledges its first National Fentanyl Awareness Day which comes as overdose deaths surge nationwide. NBC News' Kathy Park reports on a team of female Black researchers at the University of Kentucky who are on a mission to tackle the opioid epidemic.



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### UK-REC Scholar Training Program RFA

Deadline: June 15, 2022

The Research Education Component (REC) of our UK-Alzheimer's Disease Research Center has two REC Scholars positions open, with funding starting August 1, 2022. Appointments are for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second year.

This program is aimed at junior investigators (assistant professors or clinical fellows) to

provide protected time/support to pursue mentored basic, translational, or clinical research in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Areas of special interest include studies on risk factors, prevention, preclinical AD, therapeutics, caregiving, minority populations, health disparities, cognitive processes, and neuroimaging.

The awards will provide seed funding to facilitate generation of pilot data for a future grant submission. Scholars will also follow a customized training plan to foster career development goals with mentored support.

For questions contact ([linda.vaneldik@uky.edu](mailto:linda.vaneldik@uky.edu)) or Daniel Lee ([dan.lee@uky.edu](mailto:dan.lee@uky.edu)).

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## Multi-Sensory Approach Benefits Communication With Those Living With Dementia

Are you caring for someone with dementia? CHET faculty member Dr. Elizabeth Rhodus invites you to participate in a research study that offers the Harmony at H.O.M.E. (Help Online Modifying the Environment) telehealth program at the University of Kentucky. The program provides training and tools for care partners to assess and modify the home to promote activity engagement and behavior regulation for the person with dementia. This study is led by researchers within UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging.

You can learn more here: <http://uknow.uky.edu/uk-healthcare/multi-sensory-approach-benefits-communication-those-living-dementia>

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## Job Opportunity

**Summary of position:** Seeking an organized, dedicated health and wellness minded community builder to coordinate a newly-funded research project focused on reducing food insecurity in Laurel County, Kentucky. Person will be located in Lexington and will help expand, integrate, and coordinate current health and wellness prevention programs in the Laurel County Extension Office, and the Program Coordinator will report to me. Responsibilities will include:

**Outreach:** Must be knowledgeable in both community social marketing and community wellness concepts. Be comfortable and familiar with public speaking and motivation.

**Engagement:** Build rapport with local health and education professionals to provide training and education of expanded programs and services.

**Implementation:** Work closely with Laurel County Extension agents, Extension Council, and UK research investigators to adapt disease prevention and health promotion programs.

**Reporting:** Assist in the measurement of the effectiveness of the expanded programs and services.

This position would be great for a recent graduate in public health or dietetics!

[Link to job posting](#)

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## Collaboration Column

This weekly column provides space for any of our CHET affiliates to seek out involvement of others. We request that contributions be no more than 3 sentences and include contact information.

If considered appropriate, contributions sent to [chet@uky.edu](mailto:chet@uky.edu) by Thursday will be included in CHET's Friday digest. Contributions will be run twice, unless requested otherwise.

For more information, please contact the Communication Subcommittee via [chet@uky.edu](mailto:chet@uky.edu)

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## **Biostatistics and Research Design Core**

To request a consultation with the CHET Biostatistics and Research Design Core, please click the following link: [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9GlFBA9n9aPOFlb](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GlFBA9n9aPOFlb)

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