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### **Molloy College Invites Volunteers to Participate In Relocation Stress Syndrome Project**

**Molloy College's Department of Gerontology is studying the effects of Relocation Stress Syndrome, or transfer trauma, on older adults. This diagnosis is associated with the psychological distress surrounding a change in one's primary residence and is characterized by grief and anxiety, sleep disturbance, depression, disorientation and financial strain.**

**Through a grant awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), Molloy College developed "Service Learning: Linking Three Generations." Through this project intergenerational teams are formed to collaborate with the goal of enhancing services for the elderly. The teams are comprised of Molloy gerontology students and community volunteers.**

**Last semester three intergenerational teams, comprised of three students and one community volunteer, met to research the causes of relocation stress syndrome, its symptoms, and its management. The teams explored what resources existed prior to an elective or involuntary admission, as well the type of programs and services available to older adults and their families following a move.**

**The results of their research will be incorporated into the next phase of the project taking place this fall when new intergenerational teams will come together and create a "tool-kit" of reliable information and referrals. Recruitment of new community volunteers for the Fall '07 semester is now underway. Anyone interested in participating in this unique and important project is encouraged to contact Terri Zenobio, M.S.W., Social Work Department, Molloy College at [tzenobio@molloy.edu](mailto:tzenobio@molloy.edu) or call 516.678.5000 x6478.**

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