A CLOSER LOOK

The Home for Life Design Assessment: This is an innovative home evaluation for older adults who want to age at home. Occupational therapy students are working with Dr. Kathy Subasic, registered occupational therapist and certified aging-in-place specialist, as part of a larger study with Western Michigan University researching the psychometric properties of the assessment. They are specifically focusing on inter-rater reliability. Current recruitment of older adults is with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. www.homeforlifedesign.com

Community Navigation While Aging in Place: Occupational therapy students are collecting health, function and cognition assessment information for older adults who are at greatest risk for isolation and poor health outcomes. Under the direction of occupational therapist Dr. Heatwole Shank, the students are using GPS to create maps of individualized community navigation patterns to better understand the patterns and routines of daily life. The maps and the assessment data will be analyzed together to understand how getting out and about is related to well being while aging in place. Current recruitment is with BCDA, Catholic Charities Senior Communities and local Towson section 202 housing. Funding: Towson University School of Emerging Technology and Towson Academy of Scholars

Get a Grip on Your Hand Function: Occupational therapy students provide community outreach in Baltimore senior centers and housing to screen for hand functional impairments. Under the direction of Marlene Riley, registered occupational therapist and certified hand therapist (CHT), the students assess grip, pinch and sensation to make recommendations for adaptive strategies to be able to perform daily activities that require good hand function.

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Catholic Charities of Baltimore Senior Communities
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Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation
www.gedco.org

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
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