

The President's Medal for Social Embeddedness Award Recipients

For ASU, social embeddedness is a university-wide, interactive, and mutually-supportive partnership with the communities of Arizona. [The President's Medal for Social Embeddedness](#) recognizes ASU teams that have demonstrated excellence in fostering mutually-supportive partnerships with the community to identify a community need and to co-create and implement a solution that leads to positive social change in the community and in the research, teaching and service practices of ASU.

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CarePRO: Care Partners Reaching Out

CarePRO (Care Partners Reaching Out) is an evidence-based, psychoeducational skills-building intervention for family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. Offered in English and Spanish, CarePRO has been successfully embedded into local Alzheimer's Association Chapters across Arizona and Nevada since 2009. CarePRO is a unique collaboration bringing together the Chapters, the state units on aging, local area agencies on aging, and other aging-related organizations to help market, enroll, evaluate, translate, disseminate and embed the program.

This group-based intervention teaches caregivers self-care skills and strategies to reduce caregiver stressors and related distress and enhance positive coping and emotional well-being. Findings with 660 initial CarePRO participants demonstrate positive impact on key outcomes (e.g., significant and clinically meaningful reductions in depression and caregiver bother and increases in key quality of life indicators such as positive coping, social support satisfaction, caregiver self-efficacy, and positive aspects of caregiving). Caregivers and staff have responded so well to CarePRO that the Chapters have adopted it as part of their permanent programming, with over 1,500 CarePRO graduates to date. CarePRO partners were honored to receive national recognition for their accomplishments from First Lady Rosalynn Carter through the Rosalynn Carter Institute's National Leadership in Caregiving Award.

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2012 Award Recipient The Teaching Foundations Project

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