Mission: Home to the Montana Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (MGWEP), MTGEC is an interdisciplinary center that provides education, training, and support to older adults, family caregivers, direct care workers, healthcare professionals, students, family medicine residents, faculty, healthcare systems, and communities in a variety of settings across Montana to better meet the health needs of its older residents.

Primary Care Partners:

Collaborators:

Alzheimer’s Association – MT Chapter  
Dementia-Friendly Missoula & Billings  
MT ADRD State Plan  
MT Office of Rural Health – AHEC’s  
St. Vincent Healthcare  
NW GWEC  
Wyoming Center on Aging

Missoula Aging Services (AAA)  
Missoula City-County Health Dept.  
Montana Gerontology Society  
Montana Health Care Association  
Mountain-Pacific Quality Health  
Montana State University Extension  
Montana Tech, Nursing Department

University of Montana College of Health  
• Pharmacy Practice Dept.  
• School of Public & Community Health Sciences  
• School of Social Work  
• School of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences  
• Western MT Family Medicine Residency Program

Initiatives and Activities:

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MTGEC collaborated on many organizations to provide education and services. Some activities were cut short with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020. Where possible, activities were switched to online methods of presentation. Below are examples of the activities and projects that MTGEC collaborated with throughout the state.

**INITIATIVE 1. INTEGRATING GERIATRICS INTO PRIMARY CARE**

Clinical Partners- RiverStone Health in Billings and Partnership Health Center in Missoula

- Staff Training in Geriatrics
- Implementing/Expanding Medicare Annual Wellness Visits
- Both CHC’s are Implementing a Fall Risk Assessment Program
- Introducing Age-Friendly Healthcare Framework

**INITIATIVE 2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERPROFESSIONAL GERIATRIC WORKFORCE**

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<th>Event Type</th>
<th>2019 Dementia Continuum Conference Participants</th>
<th>2019 IPHARM Geriatric Health Screenings</th>
<th>Fall 2019 UM Student Geriatric Interprofessional Seminar</th>
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*IPHARM events paused in March due to COVID-19

**INITIATIVE 3. EDUCATION TO SUPPORT ADULTS, CAREGIVERS AND COMMUNITIES**

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<th>Event Type</th>
<th>IPHARM Pharmacy Patient Contacts</th>
<th>Geriatric Health Screening Patient Consultations</th>
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Dementia Community Awards provided funding to community organizations, area agencies on aging, home health agencies and other entities to support dementia awareness, education and caregiver support in communities across the state.

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