

## **Stockton Center on Successful Aging Announces Free Professional Seminar**

Culturally Competent Practices with Latino Clients and Families to be Discussed Building on Evidence Based Principles scheduled for February 23, 2012

## For Immediate Release

Friday, February 10, 2012

Contact: Tim Kelly Office of Public Relations Galloway Township, NJ 08240 <u>Tim.Kelly@stockton.edu</u> (609) 652-4950

**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Stockton Center on Successful Aging announces a professional seminar sponsored by Right at Home and the Shores of Wesley Manor, scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at The Shores at Wesley Manor, 2201 Bay Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

The seminar, designed for professionals, para-professionals, and other caregivers who work with older adults is free of charge and includes a complimentary dinner. Upon completion, participants will receive 2 CEs for Social Workers.

The seminar titled *Culturally Competent Practices with Latino Clients and Families: Building on Evidence Based Principles* will be presented by Dr. Merydawilda Colon, Associate Professor of Social Work and Coordinator of Stockton's Social Work Program.

This presentation highlights empirically-based principles for culturally competent practice with Latinos. After attending this seminar, participants will be able to verbalize and apply empirically-based principles for culturally competent practice with Latinos, using a strengths perspective approach and tools such as the culturagram to assess Latino families in terms of acculturation and family functioning (i.e. family stress and conflict areas). Also, participants will be able to use solution-focused questions in their assessment with Latino consumers.

Online advanced registration is required by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012 and can be accessed via the SCOSA website at <u>www.stockton.edu/scosa</u>. For more information contact: Patricia Smith, Community Liaison, Right At Home, Email: <u>psmith@rahnjshore.com</u>, Tel: 609.788.8236, Fax: 609.788.8254