



AARP Livable Communities Program workshop



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Introduction

AARP is a project in my lab that's based around engaging people with environmental health tools, more specifically our own tool called the My Block Counts community block assessment tool. The purpose of the app is to improve livability for all, and our lab got the AARP grant from the state of Maryland. Before we got people to use the app, we have to make sure they can navigate social media which is the purpose of this social literacy workshop.

Activities:

My teammates and I were in charge of creating a PowerPoint to teach older adults how to use and navigate social media. We also had to work on recruiting a pool of participants.

Impact:

As a whole, my internship lab works to improve environmental health and better our communities as a whole. This specific project works to do that by helping older adults use apps so that eventually, they can use our app in their communities. This will also help in bridging the digital divide in our society.

Get Connected!

Social Media Literacy for Older Adults as a part of the AARP Livable Communities Program



This is a screenshot from the PowerPoint that will be presented on how to navigate these apps.

Site Information:

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Dr. Sacoby Wilson

CEEJH's primary focus is to provide engagement to highly and differentially exposed populations and underserved communities.

Issues Confronting Site:

It was challenging finding participants and recruiting them. A lot of the places we tried to recruit from would not reach back out to us, or were closed due to Covid-19.

Future Work:

I am still very involved with the lab although I am now on a different project. This project will help in bridging the digital divide that exists in our society between older adults and the younger generation. Eventually, it will help to improve environmental health as they get to using our app.

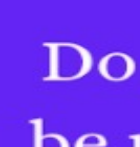
ATTENTION:

Participants 50 Years & Older!

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT,
ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE, &
HEALTH



Do you want to learn more about the environment in your area?



Do you want to learn how your smart phone can be used for social economic do you want to learn how your smart phone can be used for social, economic, and political practices?



Do you want to help your community by providing policy makers the strengths and weaknesses about your area?



Do you want to learn how to use social media with your smart phone to make a change?

If you said yes to any of these questions, join our workshop where we will discuss the "My Block Counts" program!

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This is the poster we made to recruit our participants.

Discussion:

I love working at the lab and I loved specifically working for this project. I met amazing hardworking people that I now work on other projects with. This was a very rewarding experience. Overall, I had a great experience.

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