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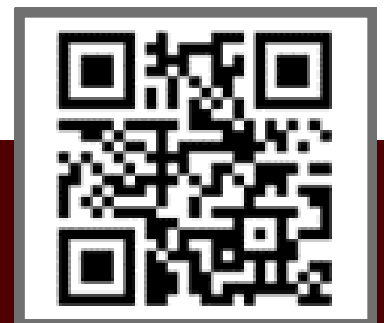
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With a Ph.D. in Political Science, Dr. Chaudhuri brings over 22 years of interdisciplinary expertise in research and policy analysis, focusing on the evaluation and needs assessment of complex state and federally funded programs. Through strategic collaboration with stakeholders, identification of best practices, and effective dissemination of research findings, her work has significantly shaped policies and programs in higher education, public health, and legal services. She is deeply committed to leveraging evidence-based approaches to create sustainable improvements in the quality of life for vulnerable groups, including older adults, veterans, individuals with disabilities, substance abusers, pregnant women and new mothers, those experiencing housing instability, struggling students, and people facing cultural and legal barriers.

- Diverse federal and state research portfolio funded by NSF, NIH, USDE, HRSA, SAMHSA, OVC, ACL, and HHSC
- Led the 2024 Texas Veterans Needs Assessment and invited by Texas Legislature to provide legislative testimony on identifying veteran barriers.
- Aging research portfolio featured as exemplary by National Council on Aging and National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs.
- Research to improve support for foster children helped Texas conform with requirements of the federal Family First Preservation Services Act.
- Recent research helped improve coordination of respite and family caregiving services administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
- Serves as Chair for Qualitative Methods TIG for the American Evaluation Association.



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