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Dr. Nandita Chaudhuri is an accomplished Senior Research Scientist at the Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) with more than two decades of interdisciplinary experience leading federally and state-funded research in public health, aging and community health, higher education, workforce development, and public policy. She specializes in implementation science, mixed methods, and translational research that bridges research, policy, and practice through innovative, evidence-based solutions. Dr. Chaudhuri has designed, directed, and evaluated more than 45 federally and state-funded projects, with findings that have informed legislation, legislative testimony, and policy and program improvements across higher education, healthcare, senior nutrition and wellness programs, workforce development, veterans' services, family protective services, and victim legal services. She is widely published, a frequent state and national presenter, and serves in leadership roles on national task forces, advisory boards, and professional organizations.

Selected Career Highlights

- **Senior Nutrition Innovation**: Built a $5M+ federally funded research portfolio transforming Texas Senior Nutrition Programs into community wellness hubs through innovative models integrating nutrition, evidence-based health promotion, behavioral health, and healthcare partnerships.
- **Policy Impact**: Led research that informed Texas House Bill 2223, the 2026 Texas statewide Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) evaluation, workforce and family services initiatives, and the 2020 and 2024 Texas Veterans Needs Assessments, including invited testimony before the Texas House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs.
- **Sponsored Research Leadership**: Secured and led 45+ federally and state-funded research projects supported by NIH, NSF, U.S. DoEd, HRSA, CDC, SAMHSA, ACL, OVC, HHSC, THECB, TWC, DFPS, and TVC.
- **National Leadership**: Served in national leadership and advisory roles, including Chair of the AEA Qualitative Methods Topical Interest Group, member of the AEA Task Force revising the U.S. Program Evaluation Standards, and advisor to the National Survey of Older Americans Act Participants (NSOAAP).
- **National Recognition**: Frequently invited by national organizations, including the National Council on Aging, NANASP, Meals on Wheels America, the National Resource Center on Nutrition & Aging, and the U.S. DoEd, to present research and implementation innovations.
- **Research Workforce Development**: Mentors graduate and doctoral students through federally funded research, supporting experiential learning, student publications, conference presentations, and workforce development.

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