



Elder Abuse Ontario
 Stop Abuse - Restore Respect
Maltraitance des personnes âgées Ontario
 Arrêtez les mauvais traitements - Restaurez le respect

Multi... Cultural & ...Disciplinary Endeavors in Elder Abuse Prevention

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In response to the growing concerns about domestic violence among older adults ([EAO's Newsletter Winter 2016 Edition](#)), EAOs Central West Regional Consultant, along with the Elder Abuse Networks in the CW catchment area, hosted a Regional Conference (September 23, 2016 in Guelph) entitled – ***Elder Abuse, Domestic Violence and our Justice System.***

The conference was attended by over 100 participants, who benefitted greatly from the information presented, about new programs and services dedicated to assisting vulnerable older adults who are victims of abuse.



To set the stage, statistics on the prevalence, complexities and intersection of domestic violence and elder abuse were presented. Briefly, participants learned that:

- Rates of family violence, are generally highest among younger seniors and this

gradually declines with age.

- Senior women (62.7 per 100,000) are affected at a higher rate (+26%) than



senior men (49.7 per 100,000).

- Nearly 8,900 (173.9 victims per 100,000 seniors) were victims of a violent crime.
- The accused are primarily adult children (43%) and spouses (28%)

(Family violence in Canada: A statistical profile, 2013, Statistics Canada)

The following are highlights of programs/services in CW Ontario that were showcased at the Conference.

Champions of Change

- *It's Not Right - Champions for Social Change*



Articles of Interest

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Guelph Wellington- Women in Crisis



A presentation by **Birgit Niggebaum-Purvis**, Senior Transitional Support Counselor,

provided insights into the programs available to older women. The agency supports victims through its various services including:

- temporary housing at **Marianne's Place** (an accessible emergency shelter for women)
- the **Transitional and Housing Support Program** helps older women apply for priority housing as well as offering support to older men.
- **Happy Hopefuls Support Group for Women 55+** offers

community and support for issues including elder abuse



- **Rural Women's Support Program** provides services for women and their children, living in rural Wellington County.
- **Sexual Assault Centre** offers individual and group counseling to women (16 years of age and older), who have experienced sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, harassment and/or incest, recently or in the past

- **Crisis Line** - a 24-hour telephone and TTY support & referral line.
1-800-265-7233. [Learn more](#)

Guelph Wellington Seniors at-Risk



GW Seniors at-Risk System Coordinator, **Taren Hardacre**, informed delegates about her role in providing support, consultations and access to supports for vulnerable older adults and their families.

This role includes:

- * facilitating a coordinated community response to abuse of older adults with a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach, across health and social services, legal and police services in the community.
- * Consultations about and accessing help for vulnerable older adults and their families, especially those who have experienced or are at-risk of abuse
- * Consideration of the individual's wishes and assistance to consider options
- * Offering referrals to community resources/informal seniors groups



as available and appropriate
* Assisting with accessing emergency shelters. [Read more](#)

Victims Support Services in Wellington- Dufferin

Victim Witness Assistance Program Wellington-Dufferin County

Penny Leach, VWAP Manager outlined the organizational role in providing information and assistance, to support a victim's participation in the criminal court process. This service begins once police have laid charges and continues until the court case is concluded. Support includes: case-specific information (court dates, bail conditions), preparation for court, individual needs assessment, emotional support, crisis intervention, an offer for safety planning and support to the victim through other community supports, to remain safe. VWAP provides information to both the Crown and the victim, throughout the court process.

Victim Services of Guelph

Liz Kent, Executive Director described the extensive programs offered by Victim Services, which include providing support, referrals, safety planning, advocacy and educational services, designed with a victim-centered approach. They also offer [Project Lifesaver - Guelph Wellington](#) aimed at helping families protect members who may wander. Typically these are people living with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down's Syndrome, acquired brain injuries or other

types of cognitive impairments.

[More Agency Info](#)

Safe Bed Programs in Dufferin, Guelph and Peel

A critical and emerging trend in the intervention and response to elder abuse is the lack of access to transitional housing in Ontario. A panel of experts reviewed the safe bed programs available for older adults in the region. The following programs were reviewed:

Safe Housing Program

The [Safe Housing Program](#) is a collaboration between Catholic Family Services- Peel Dufferin and the Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network (PEAPN), supported through funding from the Region of Peel. **Fariel Ali**, Project Coordinator, outlined this new initiative in Peel Region, launched in June 2016, which provides 7-day emergency housing and support for a senior in crisis, fleeing from an abusive home environment. From the 400+ cases recorded each year from 2012-2015, there were 5-8 crisis cases that required safe housing. Fariel indicated her role entails the building of partnerships with community service provider agencies and crisis bed facilities, while also acting as liaison between Peel Regional Police, crisis bed staff, and other service providers to establish a safe bed placement. She conducts intakes, case management, counselling, crisis prevention, and safety planning in her daily practice. For more program details, contact admin@peapn.ca or 905-450-1608 ext. 175.

Wellington County Emergency Retirement Home Transition Program

The program is a partnership between the County of Wellington Special Services Unit, Social Services Department and Waterloo Wellington Canadian Mental Health Association. Three retirement homes in the area have agreed to provide temporary emergency transition housing for a minimum of 48 hours, with additional provision beyond 1 week, determined in consultation with County Special Services Unit. **Jane McKinnon**, Manager of Special Geriatric Services, CMHA Waterloo, that the idea for the program was prompted by the notable absence of emergency housing for older adult victims of abuse, trying to move to a safe place. Crisis shelters which are unable to accommodate seniors' health care needs and/or provide accessible space for someone with physical issues, were also considered. The County of Wellington already had agreements with several Retirement Homes in place, for subsidized beds, which allowed the County to create a policy around emergency transitions to help ensure a certain level of care and response time.

Dufferin Seniors Response Team (SRT)

The SRT with membership from Headwaters Health Care, Alzheimer Society, Canadian Mental Health Association WWD, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Emergency Management Services (EMS), Community Care Access Centre and Family Transition

Place, have developed a protocol for the use of a safe bed at a local retirement home, for seniors who are at-risk of harm due to abuse/neglect.

The safe bed is utilized when a senior needs to leave their current living environment and all other avenues have been exhausted. Working collaboratively with community agencies, a senior can stay at the retirement home for up to 14 days. Prior to admission, the senior must meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the protocol, including payment of \$93/day that must be paid by senior, service provider or family member and an agreement to sign a Confidentiality Agreement/Consent Form.

Older Adults in the Justice System

Police are responding to an increased number of calls in long-term care homes, retirement homes and in the community, which involve older adults who have committed a criminal offense, but suffer from cognitive impairments. The question remains however, is the justice system the right process under these circumstances?



The Conference participants addressed this issue recognizing that the prevalence of dementia is increasing with an aging population (35% projected increase by 2020 in Waterloo Wellington Region), further increasing the likelihood of these types of incidents. ([Alzheimer Society, 2015](#))

Safe Pathways: Supporting Dementia in the Justice System



This new and innovative program, [Safe Pathways](#) is a collaborative community approach, to support and guide individuals with dementia and their care partners through or away from the Guelph and Wellington County Judicial System.

Sian Lockwood, Systems Coordinator, Alzheimer Society Waterloo-Wellington and **Andrea Ninacs**, Staff Sergeant, Guelph Police Service, explained the importance of their partnership to implement this program. Funded

through a Safer and Vital Communities grant, from the Ministry of Safety and Correctional Services, the presenters explained how dementia can impair judgment, thinking or reasoning and cause changes in personality and behavior, which are out of character for the individual. In some cases older adults may not be able to control their responses to interactions or the environment, and as a result, respond in a way that is socially inappropriate or leads to criminal offences such as assault. This project is working to reduce the likelihood that seniors with dementia will enter the criminal justice system due to behavioural issues that may cause harm and result in criminal charges. A criminal offence can range in severity. The overall intent of the project is to improve the quality of life for individuals with dementia and their care partners.

Mental Health Court and the Crown's Role

Linda Elliott, Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney

General and **Joslyn Gaston**, Mental Health Court Coordinator, Canadian Mental Health Association explored the complexities of justice response, towards older adults with cognitive impairments, who abuse their spouse/caregiver. *Questions explored... Is there a reasonable prospect of conviction? Is prosecution in the public's interest?*

Both presented their role in promoting the victim's safety and the public's safety, while ensuring the accused has a fair trial and access to supports. Discussion ensued about law enforcement and how determining "intent" is often problematic.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like further information on any of these programs or materials from the Conference presentations, please contact: Rochella via Tel: 416-916-6728 or by email: centralwest@elderabuseontario.com



Funded Project

In September, 2016, funding from the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and

Correctional Services' Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing Grant (POC-FLP) and the Safer and Vital Communities Grant was awarded to **Guelph Police Service, Canadian Mental Health Association - Waterloo Wellington Dufferin (CMHA-WWD)** and **Victim Services Wellington** to work with local

partners to build a safer, stronger community in Guelph and Wellington County.

As part of the funded projects, **CMHA-WWD received \$69,913** to set up a **Gatekeeper Project**— an educational awareness campaign, aimed at educating the public and building awareness in community service personnel who regularly have contact with vulnerable, elderly adults and those potentially at-risk of abuse or neglect. [Read more](#)

"...This funding emphasizes the importance of community partnerships to assist with enhancing the safety in our communities for seniors and recognizing it is a community responsibility..." *Jane McKinnon Wilson, Waterloo Wellington Geriatric Systems Coordinator*



"It's Not Right" – Changing the Conversation to Stop the Abuse of Older Adults

2017 Champions for Social Change

In collaboration with the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, Elder Abuse Ontario and Western University are implementing a provincial initiative, to engage people to effectively challenge social norms and encourage bystander interventions, in support of at-risk seniors. In 2017, the collaborative will be engaging champions across the province, to increase awareness of elder abuse and build a growing list of local Champions who will help encourage social change using the **"It's Not Right-Neighbours, Friends and Families"** messages and informational materials.

Regional Workshops to train these Champions are being held across the province:

Whitby -Feb 15	Mississauga – Feb. 24
Ottawa - March 7	Toronto – March 20
London - March 27	Sudbury – March 29
Sioux Lookout – March 31	

Help others see how the little things WE do, CAN make a BIG difference in changing attitudes and behaviours, to stop the abuse of older adults. If you are interested in becoming a Champion and learning more about the roles and expectations, please contact: Barb Potter at 519-661-2111 ext 87486 or email bpotter7@uwo.ca



Funded by 

Cabinet Changes Put Focus on Seniors

Hon. Dipika Damerla, previously Minister Responsible for Seniors, has become Minister of Seniors Affairs, leading a new, standalone Ministry. The Minister will work with provincial partners to promote Age-friendly Communities and improve the quality of life of seniors in Ontario.

The establishment of a dedicated Ministry will strengthen its efforts and allow initiatives to grow in addressing needs

of the growing demographic. For example, last September's launch of a program, offering the shingles vaccine free of charge to seniors was a FIRST in Canada.

The Age-Friendly Communities initiative encourages people to remain active and connected in their community, as they get older. It raises public awareness of elder abuse and neglect, and will work towards a coordinated support that communities can provide to victims of abuse. Most importantly it is listening to the voices of seniors and ensuring that their views are heard and taken into consideration when shaping policies and programs.

FUNDING

The **Ontario Seniors' Secretariat (OSS)** formally launched the 4th Annual **Seniors Community Grant Program**. The first grant program in Ontario, dedicated solely to seniors, is designed to give seniors more opportunities to participate in their communities, by providing funding to not-for-profit community groups and projects that encourage greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement.

Within this year's program (under Priority 2), is renewed attention to projects which focus on raising public awareness about, and the prevention of elder abuse, specifically, to **"raise awareness about the issue of elder abuse and inform seniors about available resources"**.

The funding streams range from \$3000 for unincorporated EA Networks, to a maximum \$8000 for the execution of an elder abuse project, provided that the lead applicant is an incorporated body, with conditions (applicant may receive the majority of their annual operating base funding from the province and may only use the Seniors Community Grant Program funding to deliver the approved elder abuse grant project).

Applications are being accepted from **November 25, 2016, with a deadline for submissions on March 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** [Learn how to submit your applications here](#)





EAO Fundraising

[Lanark Place](#) @LanarkPlaced raised over \$400 for Elder Abuse Ontario at their Christmas Open House. EAO would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and support!



EAO joined the many non-profit, charitable organizations across Canada and internationally in the GIVINGTUESDAY funding campaign. This was a first for EAO and we are most appreciative for everyone's support. Over \$400 was raised!

Thank you to all who joined the campaign!

EAO WEBINAR – AVAILABLE UNDER ARCHIVED RESOURCES

Home Takeovers

This webinar held Jan. 11, 2017 showcased the Home Takeovers Program, where ways to intervene in such situations, and ways we can support older adults, following a takeover were discussed. The webinar, PPT, research report, and supporting videos have been archived on the EAO website. [View Webinar Here](#) [View Report](#) –

ELDER ABUSE NETWORK- EVENTS

STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING ELDER ABUSE FOR OXFORD COUNTY SERVICE PROVIDERS

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Goff Hall, Woodstock Community Complex
381 Finkle St., Woodstock
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or via livestream

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS COMMUNITY FORUM

Thursday, February 9, 2017

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Goff Hall, Woodstock Community Complex
[View Posters and Register](#)



Hosted in partnership with Elder Abuse Ontario -Regional Elder Abuse Conference, Western Ontario



Power of Attorney: Advanced Planning to Protect Your Finances

Tuesday March 8, 2017
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

McDonnel Activity Centre
577 McDonnel St. Peterborough, ON



Keynote Speaker: Laura Tamblyn-Watts will inform seniors and community members on Powers of Attorney and how to safeguard their finances.



Durham Elder Abuse Network

The Network members organized a **Secret Santa for Seniors** to provide gift baskets to

seniors who are lonely, isolated and/or in need. They collected community donations from businesses, and individuals to put together care packages for seniors in need during this past holiday season. The Network delivered 370 bags and gifts to seniors all across Durham.



<https://ajax.snapd.com/event/1011720#/>



Joining Forces Against
Elder Abuse
#ElderJusticeLeague

The Mission is to strengthen the elder justice movement by presenting a united front that is dedicated to building awareness of elder abuse, across social media platforms.

The Elder Justice League (EJL) convenes on a monthly basis to review ideas for social media campaigns, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Members follow one another on social media and 'like' and/or 'share' one another's posts about elder abuse. Occasionally a working group will form to collaborate on new social media campaign ideas.

Who Can Join? Non-profit, government and other non-private entities that work on elder justice issues and manage social media pages. Follow us on Twitter and/or [Facebook](#), [#ElderJusticeLeague](#) Blog by [NYC Elder Abuse Center](#)



ARTICLES OF INTEREST



**Fall/Winter 2016
Newsletter Issue**,
includes articles on:

- Pharmacy Services in Long-Term Care Homes
- Privacy Act and OAS Benefits
- Patient-Centered Care: "Wishes" Are Not Consents
- Case Comment: Andrade v. Andrade: A Purchase Money Resulting Trust
- Quality and Accountability in Health Care? Ontario's Patient Ombudsman and Bill 41- Patients First Act
- ACE Celebrates Judith Wahl, Past Executive Director of ACE



OARC's
**Seasons
Newsletter**

looks exclusively into their strategic priority –to ensure Residents' Councils are prepared to engage residents who are living with cognitive changes due to dementia, and gives examples of activities to try, ideas to consider, relationships to build on. The Council is striving to include the voice of residents living with cognitive changes. [Read now](#)



You Only Pray that Somebody Would Step In: Mapping the Gaps Between Expert and Public

Understanding of Elder Abuse in America

A FrameWorks Research Report (Jan.2016)
Andrew Volmert, Ph.D., Director of Research
Eric Lindland, Ph.D., Fellow

Moving the problem of elder abuse up the list of public priorities and engendering a productive public conversation around the issue, requires a new communications strategy. An effective reframing strategy can foster better understanding of the issue, raise its salience in public thinking, and generate support for needed policies. This report represents the first step in a larger research project to develop such a strategy. [Download Report](#)



Legislature Passes Bill 34

On December 8, 2016 Bill 34, [An Act to Amend the Children's Law Reform Act](#) with respect to the relationship between a child and the child's grandparents received Royal assent.

The key amendment (24-2a-i) now expressly provides that the court must consider the relationship between the child and the grandparent in determining a custody or access application. This means that the grandparent's rights to visit with their grandchildren, is now recognized in the legislation.

SCAM ALERT – FAKE CONFERENCES

Police are warning the public to be careful after finding that two neurological conferences advertised as happening in Toronto don't

appear to exist. Police encourage anyone with concerns about a suspicious website to report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. [Read Article](#)

Alzheimer Society

ONTARIO

The Ontario Dementia Network and the Alzheimer Society of Ontario have been working with Telehealth Ontario, to help family caregivers prevent crises when regular services are closed, on evenings/weekends.



Free service - available 24/7
1-866-797-0000

Families and friends provide most of the care for the 200,000 Ontario seniors with dementia. They play a critical role as part of the caregiving team, yet they have no one to call after hours for reassurance, information, symptom management, and anxiety relief.

The free service, gives access to those who need health advice, and provides specific support and information to caregivers of people with dementia at night and on weekends, when regular services are closed.



Call Centre in India scammed U.S. citizens out of \$100 million

The Toronto Star news story on Jan. 3, 2017 interviewed scammers in Mumbai who shared their story about how and why they target innocent consumers, with the "extortion pitch". [Read more](#)



RESEARCH AND REPORTS

Investor Office Activity Report 2015-16



The Report provides an update on the OSC Investor Office's policy, research, and education and outreach initiatives since its launch last year and outlines its key areas of focus. As part of the OSC's continued efforts to deliver strong investor protection and responsive regulation, the Investor Office is charged with the **development of the OSC's Seniors' Strategy**. Protecting older investors is a priority for the OSC, and they are focused on addressing the issues of older investors in a more comprehensive way, including policy, outreach, training and education.

The newly created **Seniors Expert Advisory Committee (SEAC)** serves as a forum to discuss and address older investors' needs. The SEAC advises staff on securities-related policy and operational developments that impact older investors and provides input into the OSC's related educational and outreach activities.

The Committee is Chaired by the Director of the Investor Office. Membership of the SEAC represents a variety of disciplines including law, academia, industry, medicine, enforcement and seniors' advocates. We are pleased that EAO's *Director of Operations, Marta C. Hajek, is a Member of this Committee!* [Read Full report](#) (Seniors Section pg 30-33)

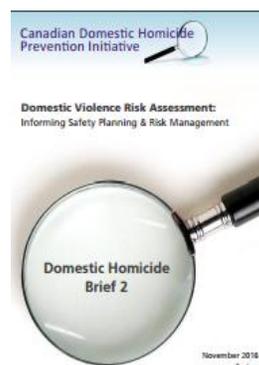


Report on the State of Public Health in Canada, 2016: A Focus on Family Violence in Canada

Rapport de l'administrateur en chef de la santé publique sur l'état de la santé publique au Canada 2016 : Regard sur la violence familiale au Canada

Some Canadian families are experiencing unhealthy conflict, abuse and violence that has the potential to affect their health. The report indicated that more than 766,000 older Canadians said they had experienced abuse or neglect in the previous year.

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This new tool describes domestic violence risk assessment and how it informs risk management with offenders and safety planning with victims/survivors.

Access the Brief:
[View PDF Version](#)

Office of the Chief Coroner Province of Ontario- Domestic Violence Death Review Committee's- 2015 Annual Report

The DVDRC reviewed a total of 70 cases in 2015. This included 58 homicide and 12 homicide-suicide cases, resulting in a total of 87 deaths. Of the 70 cases reviewed, five (7%) involved individuals aged 65 or older; three of these cases are homicide-suicides.) [Read Report](#)



Integrated Police Response for Abused Seniors: Practice Guidelines for Implementing the Model

The purpose of this Guide is to support police services in developing an IPRAS Model that can be adapted to their objectives and to the realities of their jurisdiction. It suggests a series of steps for adapting the IPRAS Model and then implementing it.

This toolkit also contains examples of tools and documents developed to implement and to support the implementation of the model in the SPVM. These tools and documents are available to all police services interested in implementing the IPRAS model.

[View all Tools](#)



EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Interventions for Preventing Elder Abuse: What's the Evidence? [View webinar](#)



Health Evidence hosted a 90-minute webinar on November 15, 2016, examining the effectiveness of interventions in preventing elder abuse.

Philip Baker, Australia Regional Director APACPH, School of Public Health and Social Work Queensland University of Technology led the session and presented findings from the [Review](#)

Many older adults experience some form of abuse (psychological, physical, and sexual) that often goes unreported. Elder abuse is associated with morbidity and premature mortality. This review examines the effectiveness of interventions in preventing elder abuse in the home, institutions and community settings. Findings of the review suggest there is uncertainty in the effectiveness of educational interventions to improve knowledge of caregivers about elder abuse and uncertainty on its effect of reducing abuse. This webinar examined the effectiveness and components of interventions that do prevent elder abuse.

Access Slides: www.slideshare.net/HealthEvidence

Teaching the Internet to Seniors to Reduce Isolation

Goderich Retirement Residence and the Goderich District Collegiate Institute (GDCl) partnered, to introduce seniors

to ipods and ipads. Students taught seniors how to use Facebook, Skype, Google and YouTube. The most beneficial outcome of the program was reducing seniors' feelings of isolation by connecting and communicating with family and friends. [Read article](#) and [View Video](#)



northumberland **elder abuse**
resource network

The Guidelines are intended to help all members of Northumberland County (including those who provide both formal and

informal supports and health care to seniors) on how to recognize and respond to situations when an older adult may be experiencing or vulnerable/at-risk of elder abuse. [View Guidelines](#)

Taking Care: Safety Guide for Seniors- Mohawk Language

Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service received funding through the New Horizons for Seniors Grant, to form an Aboriginal Network for the Senior residents of Akwesasne. The Guide is translated into the Mohawk language.

The Committee is comprised of individuals from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, Care for Health and Community Services and Elder Abuse Ontario. [Download Guide](#)



The Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) continues to provide [Your Money Seniors](#) seminars to community groups. CBA has many tools and resources on financial abuse, financial literacy and prevention tips sheets. [Learn more](#)

CBA has funded the creation of a new tool to evaluate financial literacy programs in Canada and that tool is now available in English (French version is to follow early this year). The tool allows organizations that are delivering financial literacy programming, to develop their own tailored evaluation plans and these can be found at www.outcomeeval.org.



EVENTS CONFERENCES



CANADIAN NETWORK for
the PREVENTION of ELDER ABUSE
RÉSEAU CANADIEN pour la PRÉVENTION
du MAUVAIS TRAITEMENT des AÎNÉS

Webinar Intimate Partner Violence and Older Women

January 26, 1:00 pm EST

Older women face unique challenges due to the intersection of biases between the individual, community and society. There is little research or services devoted to older women. The lack of specific research reveals the way that ageism and sexism are encoded into societal values, perspectives and policies. Unseen and unexamined, the issue remains on the margins of family violence research and understanding. Raising the profile of intimate partner violence and older women requires a willingness to examine our own fears and biases about aging and also violence in relationships of couples.

[Register to Attend](#)

Centre for Forensic Science & Medicine
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



ELDER ABUSE

Thursday, February 2, 2017
MaRS - 101 College St.
Toronto, ON

Elder abuse and neglect are major emerging problems in modern society. The population is aging and risk factors such as poverty, poor access to housing/social supports, barriers in accessing health care, and cognitive impairment are all co-factors that contribute to elder abuse.

Plan to attend this Conference, to increase your own awareness of the issues, their complexities and learn about the status of elder abuse and neglect.

[Visit conference website.](#)

With Age Comes Great Experience: How Seniors are Mentoring a New Generation of Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

*Age-Friendly Communities Planning
Outreach Initiative.*

For the past year, the York Entrepreneurship Development Institute (YEDI) has connected seniors with emerging entrepreneurs via a unique mentorship program. Through the "Roots to Flowers Program," senior mentors participate in monthly expert panels, one-on-one mentoring, social networking events and other useful seminars. The aim of the program is to

reduce social isolation among seniors while helping entrepreneurs gain access to valuable skills and expertise. You will learn about the program and useful communication methods to assist in your work with seniors and age-friendly communities. A resource package will be provided to participants following the event

[Click here to register](#)



2017 Provincial Training Day March 22nd, 2017 Toronto, ON

Join leaders from the VAW sector, for a collaborative learning experience on gender-based violence issues in Ontario. Details coming soon: www.oaith.ca

Poster - [English](#) Poster - [French](#)

Canadian Frailty Network 2017 National Conference



April 23-24, 2017
Chelsea Hotel, Toronto

Meet CFN researchers and other leaders from Canada and abroad, as they lead interactive discussions about the latest knowledge/best practices and future directions to improve the care of our older frail citizens. [See more](#)

We Care- Diversity Conference and Expo Saturday, May 27, 2017

Taking into consideration, that by 2026 there will be 7.1 million multi- ethno-cultural Canadians living in Canada (National Advisory Council on Aging, Seniors from Ethno-cultural Minorities, 2005) coupled with 6.4% of multi ethno-cultural seniors reporting having unmet homecare needs compared with 4.1 % of Canadian born Seniors (*Um, Seong-gee, and Naomi Lightman. "Ensuring Healthy Aging for All." (2016): Wellesley Institute Study*) clearly demonstrates the importance of addressing the necessities of support in the burgeoning numbers of multi-ethno- cultural Canadian seniors.

This Conference will serve as the platform for learning and sharing best/next practices, current research, and community policies, as well as where relevant, look at improving strategies of engagement and care that can help these seniors be fully competitive, secure, healthy, happy, members of society.

Those interested in presenting are invited to submit an application. [Apply Here](#)

Canadian Domestic Homicide
Prevention Initiative



Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference October 18-19, 2017 Convention Centre, London, ON

This Conference will bring together researchers, policy makers and practitioners working with children and adults to prevent and address domestic violence and domestic homicide. The Conference will identify and address personal and structural risk factors for domestic violence among vulnerable populations, and promising practices for risk assessment, management and safety planning.

You are invited to submit an abstract describing a panel presentation, workshop or poster.

Proposal Submission deadline: March 31, 2017.

Learn more: <http://cdhpi.ca/call-proposals>

Submit your proposal: <http://cdhpi.ca/call-proposals-submission-form>



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