



# CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHANGE

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**Let's discuss...**

\***Trauma Informed Care for Seniors**

\***Access to Justice**

\***Art to Spark Social Change**

**MARCH 5, 2020**

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**WEST Regional Knowledge Exchange Day**  
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## SHIFTING THE CONVERSATION - SHARING STORIES & SUCCESSES TO CREATE CHANGE

Elder Abuse Networks and service providers will have an opportunity to share experiences from their daily practice, shifting the conversation to motivate change whether locally, regionally or provincially, as we continue to respond to elder abuse in our communities.

### TRAUMA AND VIOLENCE INFORMED CARE FOR SENIORS: A GAME CHANGER

**Susan Macphail, Trauma and Violence Informed Educator and Consultant**

Understanding the impacts of trauma and violence across a lifespan is essential for the health and well being of Seniors. In this Knowledge Exchange we will learn how a Trauma and Violence Informed Care (TVIC) approach can help us to:

- Recognize various forms of trauma and violence including discrimination
- Provide better support to seniors and those who care for them
- Consider the intersection of gender and culture
- Reduce harm from Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Trauma
- Increase safety and equity using strength and resiliency based tools and strategies

### YE CANNA THROW YER GRANNY OFF A BUS! (A PLAY)



"Ye Canna Throw Yer Granny Off a Bus!" was created by seniors, based on real-life scenarios and input from experts in the field. Elder abuse issues addressed in this play include financial, physical, psychological, spiritual, medical and social abuse, including neglect and isolation.

While these are serious issues, and treated as such, the play entertains through endearing characters, lighter moments, and old songs jazzed up with new lyrics. "Granny" offers a heartening approach to the harsh reality of senior abuse.

The Q & A that follows the show provides information about the play's development and how it can be adapted in other communities.

**Performed by: Carroll Flood, Paul Flood, Joan MacDonnell and Pauli Schell.**

**Created by: Audrey Otter, Ted Codack, Joan Chandler and David Sereda.**

**Directed by: Joan Chandler and David Sereda.  
Songs adapted by Cora Taylor.**



Elder Abuse Prevention (ON)

Stop Abuse - Restore Respect

Prévention de la maltraitance envers les aînés (ON)

Arrêtez les mauvais traitements - Restaurez le respect



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## OLDER PERSONS IN THE JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

**A.J. Grant-Nicholson, Policy Counsel, Mental Health Strategy, Legal Aid Ontario**

**Christine Conrad, Policy Analyst (Justice Lead), Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division**

For the first time ever, there are more Canadians aged 65 and older than Canadians below age 15. All areas of the justice system are encountering the older adult population daily and with increasing frequency. Many of these cases pertain to age-related conditions like dementia, mental health conditions, and/or substance use. The traditional justice system is not designed to meet the needs of this vulnerable population.

The Provincial HSJCC has created a navigational guidebook for older adults and adults with age-related conditions who interact with the justice system. The guidebook will assist caregivers and service providers understand dementia and related conditions and the unique needs of this population in the justice system. The guidebook explores housing options, consent and capacity, substitute decision-making, and promotes best practices in policing, courts, forensic mental health and correctional settings. Resources for specific services are highlighted throughout the guide.

The presentation provides an overview of the challenges that persons, with age-related illnesses encounter within the justice and civil mental health systems. Participants will learn about the legal needs of this population and will be provided with resources and supports available. The new publication, **Older Adults and the Justice System: A Navigational Guidebook for Caregivers and Service Providers**, will be showcased.

