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Welcome to CRNCC

Visit the new CRNCC web site,
www.crncc.ca!

The free-standing CRNCC web site is now open for business! The heart of the web site is the Knowledge Bank, a virtual resource library where you will find presentations, web casts of symposia, and reports related to community care. The Events Calendar is an opportunity for all members to promote their upcoming events. Let us know what is happening so that we can tell others and link them to your events.

Our goal is to make the CRNCC web site a one-stop shop for information on community care. The site is an ongoing work in progress, always expanding to include the latest information on community care.

As a knowledge translation network, our main goal is to have a continuous, open dialogue with members and other stakeholders on community care issues. To facilitate this, we are looking to incorporate a discussion forum on the web site soon.

Drop us a line and let us know what you think of the new www.crncc.ca, and tell us how we can improve. You can reach us at crncc@ryerson.ca.

CRNCC Upcoming Events

Mark these events in your calendar!

Caring for Children, Youth and Families in Home and Community: Innovations and Best Practices from Across Canada

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 ~ 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
George Vari Engineering and Computing Centre, Ryerson University – Toronto, ON
Across Canada, the number of children, youth and their families with acute and continuing care needs

in home and community is growing at a rapid pace. Technological changes and health system restructuring initiatives mean that more children, with more complex needs, will require care “closer to home.” Yet, recognition of this growing need has been slow at the policy level, and there has been little sharing of innovations and best practices at local, regional and national levels about how the needs of children, youth and their families in home and community can best be met.

The CRNCC, in partnership with SickKids Foundation’s Children and Youth Home Care Network (CYHN), will host a full-day, national symposium showcasing leading experts from across Canada who will share their ideas and strategies for caring for children, youth and families in home and community during a period of rapid change and growing challenges.

This event will also be web cast live to allow others across Canada to participate. Look for updates at www.crncc.ca, or contact Silvia Carfora at 416-979-5000 x2606, crncc@ryerson.ca.

Celebrating Community

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 ~ 4:30 – 8 pm
George Vari Engineering and Computing Centre, Ryerson University – Toronto, ON

Directly following the symposium on children, youth and families, Ryerson University President Sheldon Levy will host a wine and cheese reception titled *Celebrating Community*. This event is in recognition of the work and value of CRNCC, and an opportunity for members and all in the community care sector to network, share ideas, and have an open dialogue in a relaxing environment. It’s free, and it’s our way of saying “thank you” to our members, partners and community.

Keep posted at www.crncc.ca for more details.

Recent Events

November, 2006: CRNCC international partner shares UK evidence on strategic purchasing with other CRNCC members in Toronto

Gerry McSorley, Director and Visiting Professor of the Centre for Health Improvement and Leadership in Lincoln, UK, and a CRNCC partner, was in Toronto in November to discuss the UK experience with strategic purchasing, one method used by regional and local health authorities to procure services for clients. He presented at the following events:

- The Strategic Levers for a High-Performing Health System symposium, presented by the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, on November 20, 2006
- A roundtable discussion organized by the Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC) in partnership with CRNCC, on November 22nd
- A workshop organized by the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) and the CRNCC, on November 23rd

A modified version of Professor McSorley's presentations is now available at www.crncc.ca.

Gerry McSorley is also Honorary President and a Fellow of the Institute for Healthcare Management, the largest professional association of health care managers in the UK.

For more information on CHILL, please visit www.lincoln.ac.uk/chill.

October, 2006: Ideas to Action ~ Integrating Community Support Services within Regionalized Models: Innovations and Best Practices from Across Canada

This groundbreaking one-day symposium presented by CRNCC and the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA), brought together leading experts from across Canada who shared their insights and evidence on how community

support services are being integrated into the continuum of care. Keynote speaker, Dr. Marcus Hollander, addressed the symposium via videoconference. Other speakers included:

- François Béland – Co-Director, Evaluation of Système de services intégrés pour personnes âgées en perte d'autonomie (SIPA)
- Kathy Greenwood – Director, Service & Business Support, Nova Scotia department of Health, Continuing Care Branch
- Réjean Hébert – Principal Scientific Investigator, Program of Research on Integration of Services for the Maintenance of Autonomy (PRISMA)
- Margaret MacAdam – President and Founder, The Age Advantage Inc., and Senior Vice-President, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
- David Pedlar – Director, Research Directorate, Veterans Affairs Canada
- Nancy Rigg – Executive Director, Community Care Network, Vancouver Coastal Health

The entire symposium is archived, along with all the speakers' presentations, at www.crncc.ca. You can also access the web cast directly at: <http://www.ryecast.ryerson.ca/dmpstreams/crnccoct2006/index.asp>

Given the importance of this symposium, CRNCC is now developing a condensed, half-hour CD containing the key messages from this symposium. This quick-reference, educational CD will be available to download from www.crncc.ca, soon. Keep posted!

On the Radar

Moving Care from Hospital to Community: Selected Policy and Service Implications Wednesday, March 7, 2007 Michener Institute, Schatz Lounge

The Medicare to Home and Community (M-THAC) Research Unit at the University of Toronto and the CIHR Team in Community Care and Health Human Resources, present a joint farewell-welcome symposium. In the morning, this symposium will highlight the research done under M-THAC regarding the policy implications of the shift from

hospital to home and community. The afternoon session will introduce the activities planned and currently underway for the CIHR Team.

Who Should Attend?

- Researchers
- Educators
- Students/M-THAC Fellows
- Research Partners
- Healthcare/Institutions/Organizations/Associations/Providers
- Community Agencies

About M-THAC: M-THAC brought together community partners and a wide variety of academic researchers from an eclectic assortment of disciplines to focus on the policy implications of the shift to home and community. The project pages include information about research projects sparked by M-THAC. More information is available at www.m-thac.org.

CIHR TEAM GRANT: The TEAM is a collaborative, trans-disciplinary partnership between community-based associations/ organizations and academic researchers to study the implications of ongoing shifts of funding, services and health human resources between hospitals/ institutions and home/ community across the continuum of care. Building upon national and international partnerships established through the CIHR-funded Medicare To Home And Community (M-THAC) Research Unit, and the recently established Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC), this team grant will also strengthen the existing collaborative structure for knowledge translation among partners and researchers, and build capacity by providing opportunities for training and mentoring of new academic and community-based health researchers.

The CRNCC, which was initially funded by M-THAC, will do a poster presentation at this symposium.

For more information about this event, please contact Känecy (Ken) Oñate, M-THAC Coordinator, at 416-946-3043, or kanecy.onate@utoronto.ca.

The Fine Print

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If you would like to be removed from this listserv, or know someone who would like to be added, please contact us at crncc@ryerson.ca

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Do you have knowledge to share?

CRNCC aims to link people to knowledge about community care.

If you know about recent articles, presentations, or data which highlight the costs or outcomes of community care, or if you have information about upcoming meetings, events or conferences on community care, please tell us at crncc@ryerson.ca.