Integrating Community Services into the Broader Continuum of Care

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Background

- CRNCC grew out of March 2005 symposium: “From Ideas to Action: Community Services in the Continuum of Care.”

- Responded to need by community service agencies, professional associations, consumer groups and policy analysts to connect to research evidence to inform and guide policy and practice.

- Seed money and support from Medicare to Home and Community Research Unit & Health Policy Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto.

- Web site launched November 2005 at Ontario Community Support Association Conference.
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- Consolidate and expand efforts to gather, synthesize the best available evidence about home and community care.
- Ensure a stable knowledge exchange infrastructure.
- Expand the Network locally, nationally and internationally.
Who we are

- National network of over 200 members of researchers, providers, citizen groups, community organizations, consumers and policy makers.

- Collaborative partnerships with researchers from universities in Canada and the UK.
Members include:

- Canadian Healthcare Association
- Canadian Institute for the Blind (CNIB)
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Canadian Pensioners Concerned, National
- Canadian Red Cross
- Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (CAMH)
- Centre for Health Improvement and Leadership in Lincoln, UK (CHILL)
- Children and Youth Home Care Network
- Health Canada/Santé Canada - Home and Continuing Care Unit
- Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres (OACCAC)
- Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes & Services for Seniors (OANHSS)
- Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations (OCSCO)
- Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA)
- Ontario Home Care Association
- Ontario Seniors' Secretariat
- Personal Social Services Research Unit, University of Manchester, UK (PSSRU)
- Registered Nurses Association of Ontario
- VHA Home Healthcare
- VON Canada
What we do: CRNCC goals

- Champion the exchange of knowledge about home and community care as an integral part of the continuum of care.

- Raise the profile of home and community care sector within care continuum.

- Build community capacity.

- Provide evidence to facilitate advocacy.
What we offer

- Workshops, symposia with community partners
- E-Newsletters
- What’s New
  - E.g. opportunities for student internships, research partnerships
- Virtual Resource Room
  - “In Focus” fact sheets – best evidence on a range of topics in an easily accessible format
  - Research reports, articles – e.g., Lum, Ruff & Williams, (2005) *When Home is Community: Community Support Services and the Well-Being of Seniors in Supportive and Social Housing*
- Events Calendar
Other investigators

- Raisa Deber, University of Toronto
- Marcus Hollander, President, Hollander Analytical Services, Victoria, B.C.
- Karen Spalding, Ryerson University
- 37 founding community partners