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Canadian Landscape During COVID19

Increase in elder abuse – but a decrease in reporting to police

Significant support packages for citizens – CERB (\$2000 per month) plus other supports – propping up the economy

Massive increase in “benefits” frauds and scams

Austerity is coming at some point...

Increased coverage for flu shots for high dose flu and pneumonia

Collective vs individual

Background on the Issue – How is Long-Term Care Funded?

Public / Private / Municipal

Daily Housing Rate: often \$60-90, which is based on a calculation of the age and services of the building and the type of room (four-room, two-room or single occupancy).

Subsidies are available from the provincial government.

No one will be denied LTC based on an ability to pay nor can a person be evicted for non-payment of fees.

Canadian LTC Funding

The government transfers a pot of funding to provide for the “nursing” part of the nursing home budget, which covers everything that is not part of the “housing” component.

This is the same regardless of the ownership (non-profit, municipal or for-profit) of the home.

Any financial profits are supposed to be realized through additional services not covered in the socialized LTC model.

Key Differentiators



Staff – single site

Availability and prioritizing of LTC for PPE and testing

Visitors – Essential Caregivers vs “General” Visitors

Additional staff – new “layer”

Older vs Newer buildings – infectious spread, 'decanting' or cohorting

Connection to Hospitals for support and resident flow

Inspections



"Family Visits": Critical Considerations



**Civil
Rights**

OF RESIDENTS

**Covid
Spread**

OF SOCIETY

**Caregiver
Loss**

OF "FAMILY" and WORKERS

SHARED EXPERIENCE – COVID19

DIFFERENT LANDSCAPE & CONTEXT



Introducing:


VOICES

of Canada's Seniors.

A Roadmap to an
Age-Inclusive Canada



The 6 Compass Points of this Roadmap are:

- V** Violence and Abuse Prevention
- O** Optimal Health and Wellness
- I** Infection Prevention and Disaster Response
- C** Caregiving, Long-Term Care, Home Care and Housing Resources
- E** Economic Security
- S** Social Inclusion

“Family Visits



Lack of understanding of what was always allowed

Context in each home

Fear – Providers, staff, residents, family

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What are we trying to manage?

Staffing issues and exposure

Fear – *Providers, staff, residents, family

Testing – the lack of!

Resources

Blame and Liability





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Caregiving, Long-Term Care, Home Care and Housing Resources

Caregiving, Long-Term Care & Home Care & Housing Resources



- Issue 21: Family Caregiver Supports
- Issue 22: Long-Term Care National Quality Standards
- Issue 23: Long-Term Care Residence Staffing Reform
- Issue 24: Infrastructure Investment and Upgrade
- Issue 25: Change Long-Term Care Model of Care
- Issue 26: Home Care
- Issue 27: Housing Affordability
- Issue 28: Support Aging in Place

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**C.A.N.O.E Model
Safer Visits**

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NEXT STEPS - TAKING ACTION



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