

PSYCHOGERIATRIC RESOURCE CONSULTANT

FACT SHEET

What is the Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant Program (PRC)?

The **PRC** was developed through the Strategy for Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementia initiative and is sponsored throughout the **Kenora/Rainy River Districts** by the Canadian Mental Health Association, Fort Frances Branch and Pinecrest Home for the Aged in Kenora.

What is the role of the Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant?

- Provide consultative support to local Long Term Care Facilities and Community Support Agencies who serve people with dementia, mental illness or other complex needs. The **PRC** has an extensive knowledge base regarding management of mental illness and dementias. This enables them to assist and advise staff in the development and evaluation of care plans for persons who may exhibit behavioural issues.
- Develop and deliver ongoing education and training in the management of individuals with complex, cognitive and mental health needs. This education and training is either care based or general in nature, dependent on the needs of the facility or the agency staff.
- Inform the LTC/Community Support Services about existing linkages and support.
- Provide education and training that enhance local knowledge and skills on dementia.
- Assist and advise staff in the development of care plans and interventions for persons with behavioural issues including the use of assessment tools.
- Develop ongoing relationships with LTC and community systems.
- Support LTC facilities and community support agencies within a designated geographic area on a priority basis, based on risk, urgency and effective use of time.
- Act as an advisor, educator, facilitator and network builder.
- Help to identify gaps and integrate services to meet client/staff needs in crisis situations.

How is the Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant involved in the community?

The **PRC** is a part of a variety of geriatric and mental health community committees. This community involvement enables the **PRC** to operate in the continuum of care and to help in the identification of gaps in service delivery within the **Kenora/Rainy River Districts**.

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