



Interventions to Enhance Social Inclusion of Older Adults with Dementia in Saskatchewan

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PROJECT UPDATE

- Given our recent experience with COVID-19 we have all become more aware of the importance of this project in addressing the social isolation that can be experienced by older adults and especially those living with dementia. Instead of holding in-person meetings in Yorkton, the team has organized a series of Zoom webinars. Meetings in Yorkton will be planned for a later date.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT TEAM

As we navigate through the changes brought on by COVID-19, the project continues to develop and gain momentum. We have adapted to new ways of working with technology by presenting a series of online community webinars in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. These webinars have built awareness of dementia and connected people from several communities across Saskatchewan.

Earlier this spring, Yorkton and surrounding areas were selected as the project's location. The announcement created lots of buzz! CTV and Global News interviews with members of the project team and Advisory Committee can be found on our website.

We are now accepting applications for project proposals and looking forward to building partnerships with interested organizations in Yorkton and area communities throughout the summer.

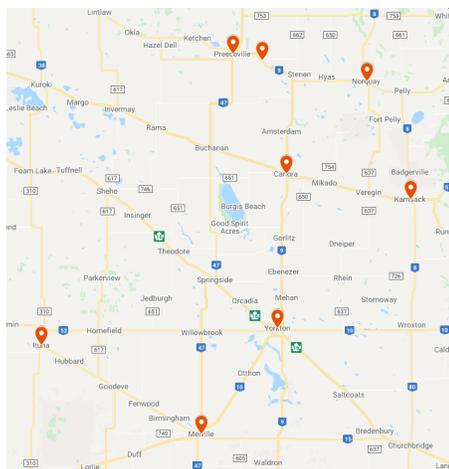
Best regards,
Project Team

YORKTON & AREA LOCATION SELECTED

Yorkton and its surrounding region has been chosen as the area of focus for organizations to deliver services that support greater social inclusion of older adults living with dementia and their care partners.

“We believe that Yorkton and the surrounding communities are ideal places to explore what interventions can best enhance the quality of lives of people with dementia that live in smaller communities and rural areas,” says Dr. Bonnie Jeffery. “We are also confident that services and supports that are shown to be effective in this area can be expanded to other rural communities in Saskatchewan.

“This project can give groups or programs the support, training, and awareness they may need,” says Gord Grant, Advisory Committee member and Moosomin resident.



Map of project area.



Project team (left to right) Zoom meeting: Dr. Bonnie Jeffery, Michelle Harazny, Dr. Nuelle Novik, Dr. Tom McIntosh, and Colleen Hamilton

COMMUNITY WEBINARS WITH ZOOM

Over 100 organizations from Yorkton and surrounding areas were invited to participate in four information sessions using Zoom. Anyone who was not able to attend can download the slide presentations from our website: <https://bit.ly/3g6SjnS>

1st Webinar - April 22: Community Webinar (project overview)

2nd Webinar - May 7: Collective Impact and Funded Project Requirements

3rd Webinar - May 14: Building Awareness of Dementia

4th Webinar - May 28: Examples of Interventions

FEATURED RESOURCE

Looking for support and information to live well with dementia? Find a **Resource Centre near you**, learn about **peer support opportunities** and **upcoming educational events**, and connect to the **Dementia Helpline**:

<https://alzheimer.ca/en/sk/We-can-help/Support>

