

PSYCHOGERIATRIC RESOURCE CONSULTANT FACT SHEET



Canadian Mental
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WHAT IS THE PSYCHOGERIATRIC RESOURCE PROGRAM (PRP)?

The **PRP** 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 (PRC)?

- Provides consultative support to local Long-Term Care Homes (LTCH) 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 developing and evaluating care plans for persons who may exhibit behavioural issues.
- Develops and delivers ongoing education and training for managing individuals with complex, cognitive and mental health needs. This education and training is either care-based or general in nature, depending on the needs of the home or the agency staff.
- Informs the LTCH/Community Support Services about existing linkages and support.
- Provides education and training to enhance local dementia knowledge and skills.
- Assists and advises staff in the development of care plans and interventions for persons with behavioural issues including the use of assessment tools.
- Develops ongoing relationships with LTCH and community systems.
- Support LTCH and community support agencies within a designated geographic area on a priority basis, based on risk, urgency and effective use of time.
- Acts as an advisor, educator, facilitator and network builder.
- Helps to identify gaps and integrate services to meet client/staff needs in crisis situations.

HOW IS THE PRC INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY?

The PRC participates on a number of geriatric and mental health community committees. This community involvement enables the PRC to operate in the continuum of care and to help identify gaps in service delivery within the Kenora/Rainy River Districts.

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