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New Dementia Care Preparedness Initiative Has Launched!

Dear Residents and Residents' Council Supporters,

The OARC team is pleased to share the following information about the newly launched [Dementia Care Preparedness Initiative](#) on behalf of the Ontario Centres for Learning, Research and Innovation (CLRI) in LTC.

OARC encourages residents to speak with their Home Administrators about this unique opportunity to participate in this provincial initiative.

We recognize that any program or initiative designed to meet the needs of those living with dementia, must also consider the needs of all residents and care partners to promote an inclusive and compassionate home culture.

The Dementia Preparedness Initiative outlined below is a great opportunity for Residents' Councils and their LTC Home Leadership to talk together about current home efforts, as well as shared visions for the future.

The Ontario CLRI invites you to help advance our collective efforts to enhance dementia care in the long-term care (LTC) sector.

The Dementia Care Preparedness Initiative includes funding support and will help LTC teams build on past successes while envisioning new opportunities to enhance the quality of life and care for residents, care partners, and care teams.

Purpose of this initiative:

Ontario's aging population increases the need for high-quality dementia care in LTC homes. This initiative, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care, will assess current dementia care and identify resources to help LTC homes meet their goals.

The key objectives are:

- Gain a basic picture of dementia care approaches across the province;
- Gather insights into homes' plans, preparedness, and needs for providing dementia care services over the next three years;

- Highlight areas for growth and inform decisions and plans for improvement within homes;
- Help homes align with potential legislative requirements related to dementia care planning, such as the proposed new amendments to the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021.
- Provide data and benchmarks to set goals and track progress on dementia care; and
- Provide funding to support participation in an online assessment (with a stipend of \$5,000 per home) and optional interviews (\$1,000 per home).

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource has also been developed to support your understanding: https://clri-ltc.ca/files/2025/01/DCPI_FAQ-09-Jan-20251.pdf

[Learn more](#) or [start registration and consent](#).

If you have any questions, please discuss with your LTC home team, or reach out to OntarioCLRI@baycrest.org.