

Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange

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Support Interventions for Caregivers of Persons with Dementia

**Learning from the Literature:
A Scan of Caregiver Interventions**

Scope of the Issue

- 35 million people worldwide will have dementia in 2010 (185,000 Ontarians)
 - will nearly double every 20 years
 - 40 to 75 % of caregivers have significant psychological illness
 - 15 to 32 % of caregivers have depression
- ADI, World Alzheimer Report, September 2009



Why a Supporting Family Caregivers Group?

- AKE members expressed need – connect with others
- Research on caregiver interventions
- Identify and capitalize on innovative, successful practices in the field



What is a CoP?

- A Community of Practice (CoP) is a group of people who have made a commitment to be available to each other to offer support, share learning, develop new knowledge, and share discoveries with anyone engaged in similar work, in order to advance practice.



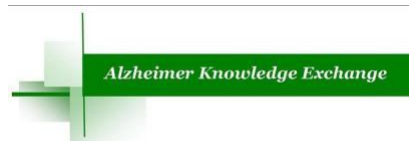
How Could It Help?

- By enhancing individual and group ability to find and use knowledge to facilitate improved practice through:
 - Knowledge Exchange
 - Knowledge Dissemination
 - Knowledge Translation
 - Knowledge Generation



So far...

- Stakeholder meeting
- Current practice inventory (*beginnings...*)
- Building Membership
- Supporting Family Caregivers AKE Resource Centre page & discussion forum
- Caregiver Support Interventions scan



Looking for More?

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