

FAMILY COUNCIL ONTARIO EDUCATION AND NETWORKING

The Family Councils' Program supports the development and maintenance of Family Councils by educating Council members on issues related to Family Councils and Long-Term Care as well as supporting networking opportunities.

The Family Councils' Program also offers a variety of presentations and workshops for Family Councils.

Family Council networking meetings are organized and hosted by Family Councils or Family Council Networks with support from the Family Councils' Program.

For more information visit us at:

www.familycouncilmembers.net



Join us...

Family Council meetings take place on the **3rd Thursday of the month.**

Time: **6:00pm**

Location: ***Elliott Boardroom***

For information regarding ***The Elliott Community Family Council***

and how you can get involved,
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THE ELLIOTT COMMUNITY FAMILY COUNCIL

***Become involved
and make a
difference in the lives
of our Residents!***

"Family Councils facilitate communication and promote partnerships with Home staff and residents."

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WHAT IS A FAMILY COUNCIL?

A Family Council is an organized, self-led, self-governing group composed of family & friends of residents in a Long-Term Care Home.



The main purpose of a Family Council is to help improve the overall quality of life of Long-Term Care residents, while providing families & friends a forum for sharing their experiences, learning & exchanging information.

A Family Council meets monthly and works with residents' family members, friends and the Home to identify and resolve issues that affect residents' quality of life.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A FAMILY COUNCIL?

- ✓ It allows families to give each other ongoing mutual support and encouragement.
- ✓ Provides a forum for learning about residents' rights, the health issues affecting residents and other relevant topics.
- ✓ Provides an opportunity to become knowledgeable about the Home's operations, policies and regulations.
- ✓ Can help families and the Home form a positive partnership aimed at improving resident quality care.
- ✓ Offers family members a chance to express their united voice supporting a combined effort with the Home.

DO RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE FAMILY COUNCIL?

Residents & Families participate in their own separate Councils geared to their special situations and interests.



WHAT DOES THE NEW LONG-TERM CARE HOMES ACT MEAN FOR FAMILY COUNCILS?

Family Councils are now included in the legislation governing Long-Term Care Homes in Ontario. The inclusion of Family Councils is a major development which recognizes the importance and the significant contributions Family Councils can make to a Home and the Long-Term Care sector in general.