

Coleman Care Centre

Coleman Care Centre (CCC) has a 24 year history of working in partnership with Simcoe Community Services. This partnership evolved out of the Ontario Government Tri-Ministry Project of the mid 1980's.

CCC originally had 72 residents with developmental disabilities. Under the Tri-Ministry project, 17 full time DSW positions were designated to CCC through Simcoe Community Services. The Centre adopted a developmental services model of having a full-time service coordinator. This position has evolved and now oversees all of our senior residents including those with developmental disabilities.

All staff hired at CCC are screened for their ability and readiness to support people with developmental disabilities.

CCC has developed strong connections with the developmental services sector:

- DSW staff from Simcoe Community Services are included in both internal and external education and training events available to CCC personnel. These include such things as Health and Safety Training, Accreditation, Annual Resident Care Conferences, weekly inter-disciplinary staff meetings and fire safety.
- DSW staff from Simcoe Community Services are included in all CCC staff recognition and appreciation luncheons, Christmas parties and retirements. Staff of both agencies also sit on a joint social committee.
- DSW's at CCC are regular participants in the strategic planning process, general staff meetings and other information events pertaining to the LTC sector.
- DSWs continue to be hired with CCC and provide support to all residents.
- CCC Nursing Administration provides support to Personal Support Workers who wish to upgrade to become DSWs through Georgian College. Support includes supervision of student placements. This support is also offered to DSWs who wish to upgrade to other opportunities such as the Activator/Recreation Program position available in LTC.

CCC DSW staff with Simcoe Community Services are part of the extended family for all residents including those with developmental disabilities. This team of staff are also responsible for supporting the transition of people with developmental disabilities to new residential situations closer to family and in group homes. The integration of DSW staff and practices into the Coleman Care Centre has contributed to strengthened quality of care.

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