A Movement Toward Authentic Partnerships in Dementia Care (and Beyond)

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Learning Opportunities

1. Identify assumptions and actions that disable persons living with dementia and limit engagement and well-being.

2. Discuss ways to engage persons living with dementia and their care partners in the decisions that affect their lives.

3. Explore how organizations can adopt an authentic partnership approach across care practices and settings.
ELDERS ARE OUR TEACHERS
What are some additional examples of authentic partnerships within the context of dementia care, support, and services?
Find a Partner or Two

Please connect with one or two other people to form a pair or trio. These will be your partners for this class. Please introduce yourself:

• Name

• “I am a partner to...”
Learning Opportunity 1

Identify assumptions and actions that disable persons living with dementia and limit engagement and well-being.
Please listen to the following quotes.

What are some of the assumptions and actions that disable persons living with dementia and limit engagement and well-being?
Alzheimer's
Danger of Stigma → Self-Fulfilling Prophecy

“If you except less, that’s what you’ll get.”

(Dr. Al Power, Geriatrician, Eden Mentor, and Author)
Please listen to the following quotes.

What are some of the beliefs and actions that (re-)enable persons living with dementia and support engagement and well-being?
grow
I can learn
Contribute
I KNOW YOU
HERE
THE LIE OF DEMENTIA
Learning Opportunity 2

Discuss ways to engage persons living with dementia and their care partners in the decisions that affect their lives.
Consider your strongest, most effective and enjoyable partnership. What are 3 qualities that make this partnership work so well?
Authentic Partnerships

- Conducting regular critical reflection and dialogue
- Establishing and maintaining open communication
- Focus on the process
- Valuing diverse perspectives
- Creating a safe space
- Synergistic relationships
- Connecting and committing
- Genuine regard for self & others

(Dupuis, Gillies, Carson, Whyte, Genoe, Loiselle, & Sadler, 2011)
From Personhood to Citizenship

Comfort → Growth
Identity → Social Positions
Occupation → Purpose
Inclusion → Participation
Attachment → Solidarity
Love → Freedom from Discrimination

(Bartlett & O’Connor, 2010)
Learning Opportunity 3

Explore how organizations can adopt an authentic partnership approach to dementia across care practices and settings.
Examples of Partnerships in Community

MOMENTIA

Dementia Action Alliance
*Powered by People with Purpose*

Dementia Friendly America

MAREP
*Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program*
*University of Waterloo*
Examples of Partnerships in Organizational Change, Program Development and Education
Examples of Partnerships in Care and Support
What are some other examples of authentic partnerships across dementia care practices and settings?
Thank you!

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