Psychogeriatric Program Service Goals

Reduce the need for
hospitalization (# ER visits) and
ALC length of stay.

 Assist in the management of psychiatric symptoms to enable seniors to function in the community, Long Term Care or other supported environment.

 Enable seniors and their families to achieve improved quality of life in their community.

 Provide ongoing support to families and care providers.

Who May Refer:

Transition Service referrals must be made by a Healthcare Professional.

Social Work Service referrals can be made by Healthcare Professionals, family members, Community Service Organizations, and individuals who would qualify for the service.

For further information or to request a referral form contact:

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Wendat Seniors' Residence

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"Rebuilding a life... Renewing a dream"

Psychogeriatric Program

Serving Seniors with Complex Mental Health Needs

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serving residents of North Simcoe Muskoka.

Who We Are

This program is composed of

Registered

Practical Nurses with both long



term care and psychiatric nursing experience, registered Social Workers and a Program Manager. The program functions in close collaboration with NSM CCAC, Hospitals, specialized psychogeriatric and behavioural service teams, Long Term Care Homes, and Psychogeriatric Resource Consultants, primary care providers in addition to many other community based partners.

Transition Service

This service is available to persons who are experiencing behavioural challenges and are:

- Seniors aged 65 years and over with a serious mental illness and/or complex medical and neurodegenerative disease process.
- Persons under 65 years of age who suffer from a cognitive impairment related to a neurodegenerative disease process or a complicated Serious Mental Illness.

This service acts as a bridge in the transition of client specific care needs and management strategies across systems of care. The objective of the service is to provide a transition plan focused on reducing the responsive behaviours so that the individual can

successfully move from one living situation to another. The person may be living in their own home or with family, be resident in hospital or LTC or other supportive housing with plans to move to alternate accommodation. The



Behaviour Nurse works in concert with the client, family and all care partners in the clients current environment and their destination environment.

Mobile Social Work

This service is available to seniors:

- aged 65 and over with mental health concerns and complex care needs
- reside alone or with family
- experiencing challenges which interfere with their ability to function on a social, emotional or interpersonal level.

Service to seniors under 65 will be considered on a case by case basis.

NOTE: Priority will be given to seniors who are at high risk and experiencing increasing frailty with contributing medical and psychosocial stressors.

This service can provide psychosocial assessments and risk identification, case coordination as needed and appropriate therapeutic intervention related to: Depression, Anxiety, Family dynamics, Care-giver burnout, Elder abuse, neglect, etc, health teaching and support service integration aimed at enhancing senior's social environment, raise sense of well-being and improve quality of life.