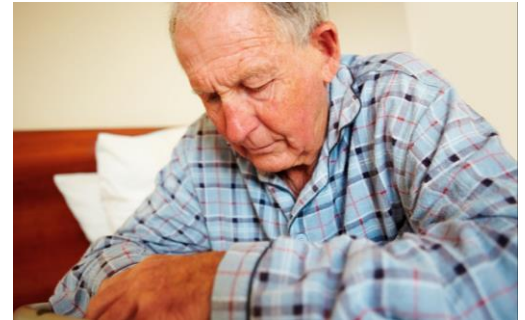




Serving Retirement Homes: Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) Responsive Behaviour Specialist (Retirement Homes)



As a part of the HNHB LHIN's Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) Strategy, the Responsive Behaviour Specialist (Retirement Homes) supports residents with cognitive impairment and responsive behaviours* in retirement homes.

Who does the BSO Responsive Behaviour Specialist (Retirement Homes) serve?

- Clients staying in retirement homes in the Hamilton and Burlington areas who have cognitive impairment and responsive behaviours.

How can the BSO Responsive Behaviour Specialist (Retirement Homes) help?

The BSO Responsive Behaviour Specialist (Retirement Homes) collaborates with clients, families, retirement home staff, and community partners to:

- Understand the triggers of, and strategies to manage, responsive behaviours using information gained from comprehensive assessments, including standardized tools and unstandardized observations.
- Evaluate recommended strategies to inform the development of a care plan that enables safe and effective management of responsive behaviours in the retirement home setting.
- Recognize opportunities for other services to assist clients, and facilitate referrals as appropriate
- Identify specific educational opportunities for retirement home staff around individual residents, and explore ways of meeting these educational needs

* What are Responsive Behaviours?

- Any behaviour that is in response to a real or perceived stimulus and may result in increased risk for the client or others.
- The behaviour may present a challenge to receiving appropriate care or co-existing with others.
- Responsive refers to the fact that many of these behaviours could respond to appropriate and timely interventions, and may be occurring as a result of an unmet need or desire that can no longer be communicated.

How to refer to the BSO Responsive Behaviour Specialist (Retirement Homes)

Complete the First Link® referral form available at
http://hnhb.behaviouralsupportsontario.ca/134/Healthcare_Professionals_-_Tools_and_Resources/
then fax to 905-529-3787

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