

# CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

## A Research Utilization and Knowledge Dissemination Project

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### Preamble

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are leaders in continuing care settings, and while Health Care Aides (HCAs) provide 80-90% of direct client care, positive connections between LPNs and HCAs are critical. We believe that this relationship has an influence on connections between HCAs and seniors.

### Project Intent & Goals

- To develop a model of research utilization and knowledge translation and a toolkit to be used by LPNs and HCAs in their practice
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the knowledge translation model in one continuing care setting
- To enhance & advance the LPN in a leadership role in all settings
- To develop core materials related to connecting with people who have dementia

### Discoveries/Themes

Through engagement sessions and interviews we are discovering that participants have noticed similar outcomes regarding engagement, confidence, barriers, and facilitators after using the toolkit.

