
How this program was evaluated: Cummings Centre Therapeutic Dementia Care Program

- ▶ The Cummings Centre Therapeutic Dementia Care Program (TDCP) evaluation focuses on the following factors:
 - 1. Implementation:** To assess the extent to which the program has been implemented as planned (i.e., in accordance with the PHAC Contribution Agreement and the activities and outputs identified in the TDCP logic model).
 - 2. Relevance:** To assess the extent to which the program is meeting the needs of its program beneficiaries.
 - 3. Effectiveness:** To assess the extent to which the program is achieving its expected outcomes.

- ▶ The Therapeutic Dementia Care Program used several success indicators to assess the program's performance. These include:
 - Diversity in populations served
 - Number of active participants
 - Retention rates
 - Perception of needs met by people living with dementia and care partners
 - Perception of program shortcomings
 - Participation in and satisfaction of educational sessions/events by people living with dementia, care partners and the public
 - Increased knowledge and skills
 - Awareness around dementia
 - Performance measurement completed
 - Research conducted
 - Development and distribution of tools and information guides
 - Knowledge dissemination activities

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► Data collection methods

During the intervention, a needs assessment tool was used at the beginning of Year 2 to evaluate the needs of people living with dementia and their care partners. Questionnaires and focus groups were conducted specifically with care partners who had participated in a previous leisure-related research project conducted by one of the partner organizations. Towards the end of the funding period, additional focus groups were held with care partners. Testimonials from both care partners and guests were also utilized to understand the impact of the intervention.

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