

# Sage Seniors' Safe House

- ▶ How it came to be
- ▶ What we offer today

- ▶ Elder Abuse Intervention Team
- ▶ The need
- ▶ The development of the model

Older adults have no place to go when  
needing safety

Research by Kappel Ramji Consulting  
Group, 1998

- ▶ Length of stay
- ▶ Older men not accommodated
- ▶ Few spaces for single women
- ▶ Second stage shelters focused on women and children
- ▶ Dealing with adult children, lengthier relationship and issues of competence
- ▶ Feelings of shame and embarrassment, that they “stand out” among the younger women

# Community Development Approach

- A collaborative, integrated service model
- A “grass roots” approach
- Creation of an advisory group of older adults

# The Steering Committee

- ✓ Elder Abuse Intervention Team (Seniors Protection Partnership)
- ✓ Society for the Retired and Semi-Retired (Sage Seniors Association)
- ✓ Edmonton Meals on Wheels
- ✓ Good Samaritan Telecare
- ✓ Boyle McCauley Health Centre
- ✓ Edmonton John Howard Society
- ✓ Alberta Human Resources and Employment
- ✓ Edmonton Police Service

# Service Delivery Design

- “Organic model” of development
- Creation of “dynamic tension

# **Two Year Pilot Project:**

## **Edmonton Seniors' Safe Housing**



# Evaluation

- ▶ At the beginning
- ▶ At the end of the pilot

# Sage Seniors' Safe House today

- 7 suites on a secure floor of a seniors apartment building
- 5 team members
- Support from Nurse Practitioner, Community Geriatric Psychiatry, Elder, Homecare, Pet Safe Keeping, and more

**We need to fit for the senior, they  
don't need to fit us**



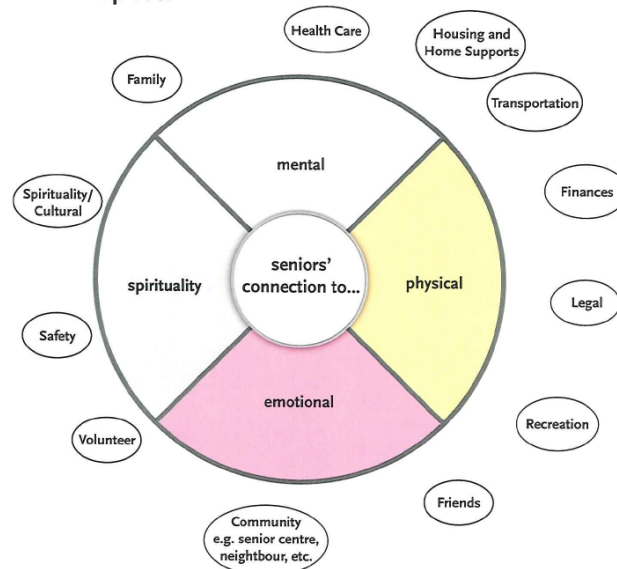
# Getting the work done

- Intake Assessment
- Waitlist
- Coming into the Safe House
- Wrap around support
- Leaving the Safe House

# EcoMap

## EcoMap Tool

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Use to assess what resources the senior is connected to and to identify whether each is a positive or negative influence in the senior's life.

Arrows can be drawn to identify the flow of energy to or away from the client. An arrow pointing away from the client identifies an unmet need. The type of line indicates the nature of the relationship.

Key: — Strong, supportive, positive relationship  
..... Erratic, conflicted relationship, sometimes supportive and sometimes disruptive;  
~ Negative, disruptive, or nonexistent relationship. (From Betz et al., 1994)

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