

The Specialized Program for Interdivisional Enhanced Response to Vulnerability Proof of Concept Program is working with City Divisions and Partnership Agencies to develop "The Open Dialogue on Vulnerability in Toronto" series to create opportunities for dialogue on a number of topics articulated by the City and its partners. The series will increase awareness about situations impacting vulnerable Torontonians, the programs and services available, build networks across the service system and create opportunities for operation and systemic level innovation.

Open Dialogue on Vulnerability in Toronto Series

Tuesday June 16, 2015

Hoarding Responses in Toronto

This session was geared towards those who would like to learn more about what Hoarding is, what the current municipal and community responses are and what we need to think about as a city to enhance our supports services.

Friday September 18, 2015

Information Sharing and Privacy for Collaborative Risk Driven Approaches

This session, presented by FOCUS Rexdale and SPIDER aimed to increase the knowledge of service providers about information sharing, privacy legislation, and effective practices to support risk mitigation. It included a Q&A period and discussed permissiveness and prohibitions within the legislative frameworks (e.g. PHIPA, MFIPPA, etc.) that guide front line service providers.

Friday October 16, 2015

Exploring Legal Capacity and Consent

This session aimed to increase the knowledge of service providers about capacity assessments and processes, governing legislation, and opportunities for reform. It included a Q&A period for discussion of practical strategies for "trouble-shooting" when deal with situations of complex or unresolved risk.

Friday November 20, 2015

The Mental Health Act: Challenges and Opportunities in the Provision of Care to Vulnerable Torontonians

This session aims to increase knowledge about the Mental Health Act and its applications, as well as to explore services and opportunities for innovation. It will include a facilitated discussion regarding the challenges faced in co-ordinating community and hospital care when dealing with complex or unresolved situations of risk.

Friday December 18, 2015:

Vulnerability in Winter: Considerations and Emergency Preparedness (TBD)

Future 2016 Topics to include:

- Collaborative Risk Driven Approaches to Community Health Service Provision
- Collaborative Risk Driven Approaches to Community Safety
- Innovations in Pest Management Policies and Practices
- Human Trafficking
- Access Equity and Human Rights and best practices to reduce vulnerability.
- Changes in the Definition of Hoarding as a Mental Illness and the Ramifications for Landlords
- Toronto Youth Equity Strategy I & II
- Update: Toronto's Playbook on the Support and Management of Experiences of Hoarding