

## Project Information Sheet

**Research Project:** *Assessing Gaps in Culturally Competent Services in Long-term Care for Immigrant Seniors of Newfoundland and Labrador*

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### Project Information

- There has been a consistent increase of immigrants to the province.
- Immigrants will be aging in place and will require culturally relevant long-term care services.
- While the immigrant population continues to increase, research has indicated that access to health care services has not kept pace with the community needs.
- Current models of long-term care in the province are inadequate for many groups of older people and especially those within the older immigrant population.
- The province needs a model of long-term care service that is culturally relevant to various groups of older immigrants that accounts for their unique racial and cultural backgrounds.
- In the winter of 2011, I will be meeting with older persons who self-identify as immigrants to discuss the gaps in culturally competent services in long-term care provision in NL.
- Our research question asks older immigrants to describe their vision and model of culturally competent long-term care for Newfoundland and Labrador and asks for their input in providing recommendations to begin a dialogue about program implementation.
- The study will specifically ask about issues related to cultural needs and expectations in long-term care including foods, music, art, direct service workers, atmosphere, programs, family, respite and community care, counselling and religion.

### Additional Information

- Individual interviews will be from 30 to 60 minutes long.
- Focus groups will be 90 to 120 minutes long.
- Interviews and focus groups will be audio tape recorded and transcribed to ensure information is recorded accurately.
- Where needed, participants in individual interviews may bring an interpreter.
- All names and other identifying information will be removed, including the name of your community. If you agree to participate, you will be assigned a code number which will correspond to a master list. The master list and consent forms are the only places your name will appear. The master list, consent forms, and all tapes will be securely stored in a locked filing cabinet inside a locked private office.
- Only the researchers, the transcriber and two Social Work student research assistants will have access to the master list, consent forms and tapes. All of us are bound by Memorial University's standards related to keeping the information of people who participate in research

confidential and anonymous. Exceptions to confidentiality may be made if suggestions are made that someone is at risk.

The data from this research project will be published in a report and presented at conferences; however, your identity will be kept confidential. Although we will report direct quotations from the interview, you will be given a pseudonym, and all identifying information will be removed from our report.

Your rights as a participant include:

- To terminate participating in the research at any time without consequences.
- To refuse to answer any question.
- To ask for clarification or more information about the study at anytime.
- To contact the researchers at any time if you have questions about the research.

### **About the Research Officer**

I teach in the School of Social Work at Memorial University of Newfoundland. I am interested in conducting research that will increase the visibility and generate dialogue regarding the needs of older immigrants in the province. For information about the study you can contact Delores at (709) 864-3419.