Aging at Home: Convergence of Housing and Health Policies

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PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Population aging is one of the most significant trends of the 21st century worldwide. Seniors make up the fastest-growing age group in Canada and the trend is likely to continue for the next several decades. The acceleration of population aging is becoming more apparent in the province of Ontario where seniors account for approximately 15% of the total population. The number of seniors in Ontario is projected to double over the next two decades due to an increase in life expectancy, declining fertility rates and the aging of baby boomers. Despite declining health and functioning levels associated with the processes of aging, many seniors prefer to live at home rather than to move to institutional settings such as long-term care facilities, nursing homes and retirement homes.

This presentation focuses upon the convergence of health and housing policies and illustrates the processes involved in the establishment of seniors’ supportive housing complex in Iroquois Falls, a small rural community situated in the northeast region of Ontario.

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