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ALBERTA ASSOCIATION ON GERONTOLOGY

Improving the Lives of Older Albertans

AAG Communique September 2025

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn." — Elizabeth Lawrence

NEWS & VIEWS: Highlighting What's New at AAG

Welcome to our New Board Members!

Lynn Haugen, Page Murphy, Raeesa Kassam

Watch for their bios on our website by the end of September!

With Thanks to Our Retiring Board Members!

Dr. Kathleen Hunter and Jackline Kwiatkowski

2025 Award & Scholarship Recipients

Vivien Lai Changemaker Awards

Innovation in Community, Social & Health Service Integration

Wendy Evans, Geriatric Nurse, Wolf Creek Primary Care Network, Innisfail

Innovation in Housing, Continuing Care or Residential Services

Anne Scully & Shaylene Court, Good Samaritan-Lee Crest, Cardston (for partnership with Mi'kai's Red Crow Community College

Mary Morrison Davis Award for Lifetime Achievement

Karen McDonald, Executive Director at Sage Seniors Association and Provincial Director, Healthy Aging Alberta

AAG Bursary for Care Workers (with $1,000.)

Anton Guliker, Lethbridge Polytechnic Healthcare Aide Program

AAG Provincial Student Awards (each with $1,000.)

Grace Maier Memorial Scholarship-Master's Provincial Graduate

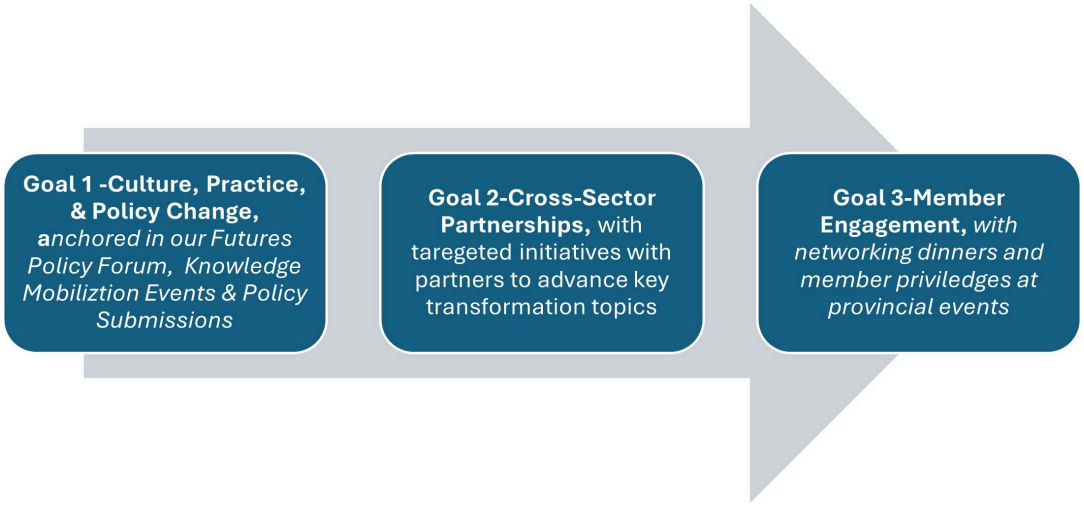
Sally Chung, Master of Public Health, University of Alberta

Provincial Graduate Scholarship - PhD

Steven Hall, PhD Student, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

AAG HAS A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-26 to 2028-29

Advancing Our Vision for Healthy Aging for Albertans: Going Strong in Our 50th Year!



What's New in the Province That Matters to Changemakers?

STILL ME LEADERS FORUM, co-sponsored by AAG with Alzheimer Calgary on May 28th brought together 150 leaders from across the province and across sectors at Mount Royal University to explore new insights, evidence and practices to create inclusive environments for persons living with dementia.

Individuals living with dementia will be the largest group needing care as the population ages in Alberta. AND did you know that First Nations have a 34% higher chance of experiencing dementia?

Special thanks to our 10 Sponsors who made this Forum possible. Check out the Report!

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING VISION A REALITY!

Health, social and community services and communities where:

- individuals living with dementia experience acceptance and understanding ("Still Me").
- a relational approach to care supports individualized approaches to well-being and safety.
- care environments for living (like small homes and neighborhoods) where residents can be at their best enjoying relationships with each other

and family members and employees can feel supported and flourish.
- there is collaboration among services in the community for support and care at the right time and in the right place through a journey of changing circumstances and care needs.

Watch for "Speaker Slides" and the "Forum Report" under Resources on AAG's website.

Work is underway to have a follow-up session: **Next Practices & Policy Change for Population/Person-Focused Practices & Inclusive Environments in Continuing Care**.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR EVENTS OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

September

Tuesday, September 23, 2025
"Caregivers at the Centre", Norquest College, Edmonton with a focus on sharing resources for integration and supporting family caregivers across the continuum.

Registration **is still open!**

October

October 6-9, 2025
Healthy Aging Summit "The Tapestry of Aging, Threads of Connection & Well-Being", Edmonton, co-sponsored by Healthy Aging Alberta, AAG and Elder Abuse Council of Alberta.

Be inspired by keynote speakers and take away ideas for implementation from an amazing array of plenary and breakout sessions.

AAG and HAA and their case study communities will present results related to promising practices for developing engaged and connected community ecosystems.

In-person Registration is now **FULL!** Virtual registration **is still open - and it is FREE for AAG Members!**

November

Watch for the potential **Next Practices Forum, a follow-up to Still Me - November 24-25, 2025**.

November 26-28, 2025 - FCSSAA Conference, Edmonton - mobilizing community-focused services.

Registration is **now open!**

October 14-16: ACCA Annual Conference, "Moving Forward: Aligning & Strengthening Alberta's Continuing Care System", Edmonton.

Get energized with new practice development ideas; hear about plans for developing a Digital Roadmap for community & continuing care, a collaborative initiative by ACCA, Alberta Innovates and AAG.

Registration is still open!

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