# Social Prescribing

## Community Resources to Support Older Adults' Quality of Life

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We recognize that Fraser Health provides care on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish and Nlaka'pamux Nations, and is home to six Metis Chartered Communities







## **Social Prescribing Collaboration**



Better health. Best in health care.



- Shannon, Margaret
- Social Prescribing Team
- Healthcare providers



- Social Presribing Program
- Seniors Community Connectors
- BC211

## Why Social Prescribing ?

To support patients: delay and prevent frailty

- Aging population
- Aging  $\neq$  Frailty
- Early identification of frailty with appropriate interventions = less adverse outcomes
- Community connectedness and social supports are important factors in preventing frailty

To support you: increase your capacity



## What is Social Prescribing ?





# Who is Seniors Community Connector

- 10 Seniors Community Connectors (SCCs) in FH region
- 1 in each city

SCCs are

- NOT healthcare providers
- NOT FHA employee
- Funded by United Way BC & belong to their local community organizations
- Diverse background/training: SW, Nurses, previous volunteers...

# How can Social Prescribing Help?







## Who is referring to Social Prescribing

Every healthcare provider can refer & patient self-refer

- Community
- Acute Care
- FH Assisted Living Sites
- Virtual Care
- Seniors Clinics
- New Canadian Clinics
- UPCC





## How can you help?





**Client connect with SCC** 

## **BC211 or Social Prescribing?**

## **BC211**

- Anyone
- Needing information on community resources

### AND

• can navigate themselves or has a support system to help them navigate

## **Social Prescribing**

- Older adults
- Needing a tailored wellness plan and able/support system to participate in the development of this plan

### AND

- unable to navigate non clinical services by themselves
- OR do not have an existing/ reliable support system
- OR are isolated

## Resources

- Referral Guide
- <u>Referral Form</u> (FHA Pulse)
- (If non-FHA providers, please use Pathwaysbc.ca)

- Social Prescribing Info Card
- BC211 Pamphlet
- Social Prescribing Poster
- BC211 Poster

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## **On FHA Patient Education Catelogue**, In English, Chinese, Punjabi



### **Social Prescribing Poster**



### **BC211** Poster



### Social Prescribing Info Card



### **BC211 Pamphlet**



## Key Messages about Social Prescribing for Referrers

### **Referrals**

- Social Prescribing best supports
  - Older adults who can benefit from 1:1 tailored comprehensive wellness plan
  - Older adults willing to connect with SCCs or resources
  - Non-urgent services (refer early!)
- Please ensure client is aware, and has verbally consented to SP referral with material on hand
- Please ensure referral is complete including referrer name/number/site and client name/contact info
- Please include consideration/info that can help SCCs connect with client (e.g. cognitive, vision, hearing, caregiver support etc. (not Dx))

### **Resources**

- Every community offer different services
- Every community has different wait-times

For questions about specific services and wait times, please contact the SCC

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# Thank you! Questions?



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