

ASSISTED LIVING CHOICES

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Assisted Living Choices

- Assisted Living Philosophy in BC:
 - Promotes Independence
 - Encourages Choicefulness
 - Supports Self Determination

Assisted Living Choices

- What do we mean when we say
 - Independence
 - Choice

Critical Strategy: Scan the environment to determine what practices encourage independence and choice

Kiwanis Manor West Vancouver

30 funded assisted living units
Collaborative Working Relationship
between VCH and inSite

Kiwanis Manor – West Vancouver



Kiwanis Manor – Seniors Week



Kiwanis Manor – Western Night



Assisted Living Choices

- VCH / inSite Collaborative Working Relationship:
 - Open, timely, direct communication
 - Shared personal values
 - Balance of knowledge & experience
 - Align vision with daily operational reality

Assisted Living Choices

- Creating a culture of independence & choice prior to move in
 - Communicate with tenant
 - Tour before waitlist
 - Tenant responds to questions directly
 - Clarify expectations
 - Address preconceived ideas

Assisted Living Choices

- Maintain a culture of independence and choice following move in
 - Balance personal needs / community needs
 - Ties to community / connections
 - Encourage self organization
 - Create opportunity for tenant to “help self”
 - Encouraging vs promoting
 - Tenants have input into life of community

Assisted Living Choices

- When independence & choice create conflict and collide
 - Conflict between tenant / family / staff
 - Over compensation / learned dependence
 - Choices that pose risk to self or others

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Maeford Place Quesnel

35 assisted living units
Collaborative Working Relationship
between NHA and inSite

Maeford Place - Quesnel



Maeford Place



Maeford Place



Assisted Living Choices

- Managing challenging Move In and Move Out situations
 - Eligible but questionable fit
 - Between the cracks (AL / care)
 - Move in unsuccessful

Assisted Living Choices

- Collaboration on Move Outs
 - Declining health status
 - Increased care needs
 - Developing a “Plan B” while waiting for complex care

Assisted Living Choices

- Managing acute illness in assisted living
 - Tenant can't care for self / episodal care
 - Collaborating on a plan
 - Considering community resources
 - Managing family expectations
 - Recovery

Assisted Living Choices

- Managing cognitive deterioration
 - Transitional planning
 - Considering resources
 - Move out planning
 - Tenant / family / neighbours
 - Preparation and Moving out

Assisted Living Choices

- When the tenant won't follow the tenancy agreement
 - Eviction vs shared risk agreement
 - Repeated behaviour
 - Evicting a "neighbour"
 - Preparing the community for loss

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