



Pan-Canadian Compassionate Community Evaluation Framework/Toolkit Project Overview

The Need Compassionate Community initiatives have shown promise in the United Kingdom and Europe, where evaluation has demonstrated significant successes but are only recently emerging in Canada and have not been rigorously evaluated here.

Background In 2018, [Pallium Canada](#), [BC Centre for Palliative Care](#) and [Hospice Palliative Care Ontario](#) partnered together to create a ready to use evaluation toolkit for Compassionate Community initiatives and make this toolkit accessible to Compassionate Communities’ Champions throughout Canada. This partnership stimulated a dialogue between national and provincial organizations around pan-Canadian perspectives of what existing Compassionate Communities in the different jurisdictions look like, with the goal of reaching a consensus on a common definition and approach for evaluation of this important community work. The project’s design fosters networking and connections to accelerate sharing of knowledge and resources.

Project Goal: to support Compassionate Community initiatives based in Canada to adopt a common approach to evaluate their work with a focus on implementation facilitators, barriers and potential for scale up and spread.

Project Objectives:

- to increase the capacity of Compassionate Community initiatives across Canada to evaluate the implementation and/or effectiveness of their approaches,
- to share learning and results, and
- to engage in discussions to help translate the gained knowledge to action.

Target Audience: includes any initiative in Canada that is based on a Compassionate Community theory of practice. The project might also be of interest to those coordinating and supporting Compassionate Community/City movements at the national, provincial and local levels, policy makers, community leaders, and other health promoting community-based initiatives.

Expected Outcomes This project will benefit Compassionate Community implementers, advocates, and ultimately Canadian residents. The shared knowledge and data collected from the evaluation toolkit will inform future communities to design an environment that is supportive for those who are dealing with caregiving, dying, death and grieving. This work will also set the foundation for a collective impact evaluation of Compassionate Community initiatives on the health and well-being of Canadians. This data will be available to inform future policies that aim to improve the quality of life for Canadians.

Key Deliverables:

1. Evaluation framework for Compassionate Communities’ initiatives
2. A user-friendly evaluation toolkit

Project Timeline:

Project Milestones	Due Date
1. Pan-Canadian agreement on a definition for Compassionate Communities in Canada	July 31, 2019
2. Evaluation framework developed	1 year after milestone 1
3. Evaluation toolkit developed, disseminated and accessible to end users	1 year after milestone 2

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