

CONFERENCE 2026: CONNECT

COLLABORATION WALL

The following summarizes the key themes that emerged from the insightful input shared by attendees on the conference stickies wall.

What can we do better together than apart?

- 🌐 **Reduce duplication** and build more coordinated, comprehensive services
- 🌐 Improve **communication and information sharing** across networks (e.g., online resource directory)
- 🌐 **Leverage data collectively** to better understand needs and inform decisions
- 🌐 Emphasize **person-centered approaches** (listen, support, avoid passing clients between services)
- 🌐 **Reduce labels** and support more inclusive service delivery
- 🌐 **Bridge gaps between seniors/elders and youth**
- 🌐 Support and sustain **joint initiatives** (e.g., NEVR toolkit and campaign)
- 🌐 **Identify emergent trends** and develop responsive strategies
- 🌐 **Tap into new demographics** for paid caregivers (e.g., see "[Macho Caregivers](#)" in Japan)

Name a potential collaboration.

- 🌐 **Dignity Seniors Society** with **Health Authority** on small care home model for 2SLGBTQIA+ Seniors
- 🌐 **Family Caregivers of BC** (rural & remote) and **Indigenous communities**, "tagging along" or "piggy-backing" on outreach already in place (e.g., Seniors First BC legal clinics)
- 🌐 **More at Home Society** - learn more about the needs for low-moderate income seniors to enable **Aging in Place** (e.g., those living in the cracks of the system or on long wait lists)
- 🌐 **RCMP** (local detachments) - frauds, scams, etc.
- 🌐 **BC Empowering Women's Voices Society** wants to partner/collaborate! Please contact Kelly.
- 🌐 Healing through Ancient teachings
- 🌐 **Resiliency Program** partner with family caregivers to do prevention education in Punjabi

- 🌐 **Dignity Seniors Society** and **SAIL**
- 🌐 **Family Caregivers of BC** and **BC CRN** and **Seniors First BC** - bring caregiver organization (program staff) together on caregiver awareness of elder abuse; education.
- 🌐 **Latino Senior Program** @Latincover with **Family Services of Vancouver** - future and present action in Spanish

What barriers do you face to collaboration?

- 🌐 **Limited funding and capacity** (time, resources, sustainability)
- 🌐 **Lack of coordination and visibility** (unclear contacts, fragmented services, no centralized directory)
- 🌐 **Silos** and **territorialism** between organizations
- 🌐 **Low trust** and **relationship gaps**
- 🌐 **Regulatory** and **structural barriers** (e.g., privacy legislation, competing mandates)
- 🌐 **Challenges navigating services** (not knowing who to reach out to or what exists)
- 🌐 **Cultural understanding gaps**
- 🌐 Need for more **formal networks and spaces for collaboration** across organizations