

Development of screening and assessment tools for family caregivers

The development of the C.A.R.E. Tool and Caregiver Risk Screen for family caregivers was undertaken by the University Institute of Social Gerontology of the Centre de recherche sur les services communautaires (CLSC) René Cassin, under the direction of Nancy Guberman, MSW and in collaboration with researchers at Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia and Université Laval, Quebec.

Description: A project designed to develop two tools - a screening instrument and an assessment instrument - for family caregivers. These tools offer home care professionals a systematic approach to identify high-risk caregiver situations, evaluate the degree of potential involvement of caregivers, and specify the conditions necessary to their participation in providing care.

Objectives:

1. To develop a screening and an assessment tool for assessing the context, the conditions and the needs of family caregivers.
2. To test and evaluate these tools in CLSCs in Quebec and home care agencies in Nova Scotia.

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