

We Want You!

If you are, or have been, the primary family caregiver for a person with **Young Onset Dementia**, **Early Onset Dementia** researchers with the Red Deer College would like to speak to you about an opportunity to Share your experience, which could help inform YOD service development. If you are interested in contributing to this research, please contact Rozalyn Vickery @:

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Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Young Onset Dementia Research:

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What is it about?

Documenting the experience of caregivers for people with young onset dementia to guide future service development aimed at meeting their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

How will the study accomplish this goal?

Collection of data from four short surveys and one face-to-face interview with current and past primary informal care partners of people with YOD. (The researcher will travel anywhere in Alberta to complete the interview).

Data will be stripped of all identifying information and then analyzed to uncover gaps in the system of support or highlight successful services from each participant's perspective.

Why should I contribute?

There is very little research specifically aimed at understanding the unique caregiving experience of this group. As such contributing to research could improve conditions for yourself and/or future YOD primary caregivers.

Reports from participants highlight the benefit of sharing your story with a sincere listener who is deeply invested in learning about the details of your individual experience. Further many research participants have noted an added sense of pride or satisfaction knowing they were able to contribute to important research.

All participants, regardless of the level of completion will be entered into a draw to win a \$100 gift certificate to the location of their choosing.

How much time will it take?

Approximately 2 to 3 hours. The length of the personal interview will be your choice. You will be given as much time as you would like to answer the questions asked. Further, you can choose not to answer any question you do not want to.

What if I start and change my mind?

You can quit at any time WITHOUT PENALTY - free from any judgment. We understand schedules can be unpredictable. Further you do not have to participate in every part of the research. You can choose what you would like to contribute to and you will STILL be entered for the draw

I need more information?

You can contact Rozalyn Vickery directly @ 403-896-5063 or email rozalyn.vickery@rdc.ab.ca to discuss possible participation and/or any questions you might have.

When will this study be completed?

We hope to have most of the data collection completed by the February 15, 2017 and results produced by April 15, 2017.

