

Death and Dying in the Kootenays:

Planning the Kalein Day Hospice Program

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Background

End-of-life care is becoming more important due to Canada's ageing population. Currently less than 30 % of Canadians who die receive end of life services. In response to this, Kalein Center is in the planning stages of opening a Hospice Day Program. It will utilize a palliative upstream approach for individuals and their loved ones who are living with chronic life limiting illnesses.

Objective

Our objective is to better understand potential strengths and perceived barriers the Kalein Day Program may face. We did this through dialogue and education with the Kalein Working Circle, and the implementation of a community survey. We then utilized the community feedback, as well as expert opinion, to build a logic model to assist in the implementation of the Kalein Day Program.



Methods & Materials

- Obtaining community input through the implementation of a survey to gather valuable thoughts and feedback for Kalein Day Program.
- Active participation with community professionals in the Kalein Working Circle.
- Formation of a comprehensive logic model and evaluation as key instruments for program growth and sustainability .

Results

- Kalein Centre will have appropriate and helpful community feedback which will assist in the final planning stages and implementation of the Day Program.
- A completed Logic Model & written evaluation that can be used for grant applications and program enrichment, growth and sustainability.