

## **Family Caregiver Community of Interest**

In January 2016, OFCAN became the lead agency for a [Family Caregiver Community of Interest \(CoI\)](#) sponsored by the Evidence Exchange Network, a mental health and addictions knowledge exchange network that connects like-minded stakeholders. The Family Caregiver CoI is comprised of organizations with a vested interest in the challenges faced by families caring for a loved one with mental health and/or addictions issues. Family Caregiver CoI decided to develop a Webinar Series entitled **“Promising and Established Practices for Family Caregiver Engagement”**. The 2017 segment of the series that were offered in the winter were as follows:

### **“Breaking Barriers – Family Navigation Program”**

Information about the Family Navigation Program is a partnership between CMHA Toronto, Family Outreach and Response Program and St. Joseph's Health Centre.

### **“Family Peer Support – Exploring Three Perspectives”**

Presentations by:

A rural perspective from CMHA Muskoka Parry Sound

Family Matters Peer Support and Recovery program - Mood Disorders Association of Ontario

The development of the family peer support program at the Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Psychosis by the Douglas Mental Health University Institute, Montreal

### **“Pyramid of Care – From Theory to Practice”**

Co-presentation by CAMH in the Provincial System Support and CMHA Peel Dufferin

Another series is planned for the fall 2017.