**WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WHO ARE FRAIL: INTERSECTORAL COLLABORATION IN ACTION**

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**Objective:** Population aging is a worldwide phenomenon, and is associated with increased rates of disability and chronic conditions. Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) are known to age prematurely, showing physiological, social, and cognitive signs of aging earlier than in the general population. Frailty is widely used to study health and aging – and recent research demonstrates much higher occurrence of frailty among adults with IDD compared to those without, and at much earlier ages. In Ontario, significant investment has been made in the Aging at Home Strategy, including home care, to support living and aging in the community. Given that many adults with IDD receive support and services from the developmental services sector to live successfully in the community, there is a need to understand how home care and developmental services sectors work together, alongside individuals with IDD and their family, to support those who are frail.

**Methods**: A case study approach was used to explore collaboration efforts between developmental services and home care providers to support three adults with IDD identified as frail. A total of 20 interviews were conducted, including with two of the three adults with IDD. The open-ended interview questions targeted conditions for effective intersectoral collaboration identified through previous research: necessity (e.g., when did providers understand the need to collaborate?), opportunity (e.g., how were individuals supported to collaborate?), capacity (e.g., did individuals have the necessary skills and resources to collaborate?), relationships (e.g., how do individuals describe the quality of their relationship with collaborators?), planned action (e.g., what are the roles and responsibilities of each sector in organizing and delivering supports?), and sustained outcomes (e.g., how are outcomes monitored within and across sectors?). The data are being independently coded by two researchers.

**Results**: Analyses are ongoing (completion in February 2019). Preliminary findings suggest that the presence of a champion in each sector is crucial to the development and maintenance of the partnership. Meaningful opportunities for sharing information, through face-to-face meetings and information/data sharing agreements, also emerged as important. The need for clarity of purpose of the collaboration and support of those involved in the collaboration were also noted, as was commitment to sustaining efforts and resources over the long-term.

**Conclusion**: The poster will take the form of an infographic that highlights the key elements for effective collaboration and partnership between developmental services agencies and home care providers to support adults with IDD who are frail. The infographic will disseminate findings in a practical way to support action.

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