

Many government and non-government organizations have programs directed at seniors, their families and caregivers. Across the country, these same organizations are often seeking ways to improve access to these programs.

The **Canadian Seniors Partnership (CSP) Networking Registry** is building a national inventory of innovative projects/initiatives geared to seniors and their caregivers. Registry users can learn about existing projects/initiatives, list their own project/initiative, or use the Registry to search for, and find new partners. Organizations that believe their project/initiative promote the values of the Canadian Seniors Partnership are encouraged to enter the details in the **Networking Registry**. Projects/initiatives that are led by federal, provincial, territorial or municipal governments, or by non-government organizations are welcome to register.

As more Canadians use the **Networking Registry**, it will become a powerful tool to share information and experiences in order to create a community of practice.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences or want to know if any other community is tackling a challenge that is of interest to you, follow these steps: Visit www.seniors.gc.ca Scroll down and on the left hand side of the screen, click on "Networking Registry" and you will have the choice of registering your project/initiative or viewing a list of projects/initiatives.

Here are examples of projects or initiatives that can be found on the **CSP Networking Registry**:

1) Seniorsinfo.ca - The Collaborative Seniors Portal:

This portal is unique in that it provides seniors and their family members in the Brockville, Ontario area with access to information and services from all three levels of government and certain non-governmental organizations in a simple, logical, "citizen-centred" fashion. The City of Brockville, the Ontario Seniors Secretariat, Seniors Canada On-line (Veterans Affairs Canada) are the key partners in this project. Sponsored by members of the Canadian Seniors Partnership, new municipal partners are eagerly invited to add their information.

2) The Volunteer Sector Initiative (VSI) Review and Determination of Housing Issues for Veterans and Seniors :

This project/initiative is led by The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) and will describe the housing concerns of Veterans and seniors across Canada. It will identify policies and procedures at all levels of government which cause obstacles for the development of housing for Veterans and seniors. This initiative will also provide policy recommendations to Veterans Affairs Canada . In addition, the RCL will develop its national policy on housing which is targeted at the facilitation and coordination of the Legion housing

project to improve access to affordable housing for Veterans and seniors.

3) Vet-link:

Vet-link is a collaborative network of individuals, teams, facilities, professional organizations and segments of the community committed to the goal of improving health and well-being for Veterans and related cohorts. This shared commitment will play a significant role in optimizing continuity, consistency and quality of care for current and future generations of Canadian Veterans across demographic, cultural and geographic boundaries.

4) WE*ACT:

The Women Elders in Action in BC (WE*ACT) is a collaborative project committed to raising the voice of elder women in order to improve policy, action and the delivery of information and appropriate referrals regarding social, health and economic issues facing older women in British Columbia.