



## Research on mistreatment of older adults in Quebec: summaries of scientific articles

### Violence Towards Older Adults in the Small Community of St-Cuthbert: A Promotional Intervention.

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#### REFERENCE

Ouellet, L. (1991). Violence Towards Older Adults in the Small Community of St-Cuthbert: A Promotional Intervention. *Le G rontophile*, 13(3), 16-18.

#### TEXT TYPE

**Format:** Scientific article

**Content:** Project achievement

#### DISCUSSED THEMES

Extent of the phenomenon in the community, forms of abuse at home, vulnerabilities, authors of the abuse, consequences, prevention, awareness, response, seniors associations.

#### GOAL OR RESEARCH QUESTION

This article describes the complete process of the organization of an awareness day on security addressed to seniors living in the community of St. Cuthbert, as well as the activities that were held and their impact.

#### PROBLEM

The small rural municipality of St. Cuthbert was shaken between November 1989 and August 1990, when four seniors aged 65 and older were attacked, robbed and killed in their homes. These events created a sense of fear in the population, particularly among seniors. The municipality, via the mayor, has taken action and joined the Department of Community Health (D partement de la sant  communautaire - DSC) of the Lanaudi re region, the local community service center (CLSC) of Autray, the Quebec provincial police (S ret  du Qu bec - SQ) and other agencies to develop an intervention plan that could counteract the adverse effects of the events that had unfolded.

#### METHODOLOGY

No Methodology section is presented in this article.

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## RESULTS

A working group, the Action against Violence towards Seniors Group (Groupe d'Intervention contre la Violence faite aux Aînés - GIVAR), was established to document the problem and to attempt to understand its impacts, as well as to develop activities that would address the needs of the population. Supported by the DSC, the CLSC and the SQ, community organizations have developed an intervention plan involving seniors in the community, which maximized the chances of success. A day of information and discussion was held April 27, 1991 in primary school of the municipality, which brought together more than 170 seniors.

## DISCUSSION

The discussion is integrated to the Results section presented above.

## CONCLUSION

This initiative has made possible the holding of a first awareness day concerning the improvement of safety and quality of life of seniors. However, this event alone does not solve the problem of violence against seniors in the municipality. Other actions should be considered in this regard.

## AVENUES FOR PRACTICE AND RESEARCH

The involvement of municipal officials and various organizations is necessary for the deployment of future actions. These actions should also receive the support of the population and institutions of public health and safety.

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