Family Involvement in Long-Term Care: Why It Matters

What Does the Research Tell Us? Source List

Families and Long-Term Care: A Brief Review of the Literature
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Strong relationships with family caregivers → more humane and caring policies and practices.


Multifaceted approach, including family member input → quality long-term care


Spirit of partnership = adversarial relationships between family members and staff eliminated


Negative interactions with staff= families feel significant improvements needed


Changing the Culture of Care
Alzheimer Society British Columbia

Family involvement in care improves dementia-related behaviours

Increased family satisfaction with physical care improves relationships between family and staff


Family participation in care → positive outcomes for residents, families and staff members through improving relationships between family and staff

