



INFO SHEET 4: WHAT IS THE HSIIP CONNECTOR PROGRAM?

The Hamilton Seniors Isolation Impact Plan (HSIIP) aims to significantly reduce and prevent isolation among Hamilton’s seniors in future.

Three connector programs will help to identify, connect and anchor isolated seniors. The connectors will provide practical, personalized assistance to seniors to help navigate complex health and social services systems and connect with their peers. The three programs are described below:



HSIIP HOSPITAL CONNECTOR

- Identifies isolated seniors being discharged from hospitals.
- Assesses needs and opportunities, creates plans to link isolated seniors to agreed upon resources.
- Helps isolated seniors transition back to the community by connecting them to services and meaningful activities.
- Follows up to ensure seniors are anchored and sustaining connections.



HSIIP COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

- Identifies isolated seniors through outreach and engagement in target neighborhoods, and through healthcare touch-points.
- Assesses needs and opportunities, creates plans to link isolated seniors to agreed upon resources.
- Links isolated seniors by developing sustainable connections with services and activities in the community.
- Follows up to ensure seniors are anchored and sustaining connections.



HSIIP PEER CONNECTOR

- Recruits and trains peer volunteers to assist isolated seniors with friendly visiting, accompaniment in trips, and more.
- Matches isolated seniors with peer volunteers.
- Identifies isolated seniors, assesses needs and opportunities, creates plans to link them to agreed upon resources.
- Follows up to ensure seniors are anchored and sustaining connections.



For more information about any of the connector programs please visit the HSIIP website:

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