

AGE Executive Director Patti Boucher to Co-Chair the Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) Knowledge Translation & Communications Advisory

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Hamilton, Ontario, September 4th, 2018. Advanced Gerontological Education (AGE) Inc. is a national not-for-profit social enterprise committed to enhancing the care of older adults. Our main product is Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA) in Dementia Care, an innovative curriculum designed for care providers working with persons living with dementia.

We are proud to announce that Patti Boucher, our Executive Director, has accepted the position of Co-Chair of the Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) Knowledge Translation & Communications Advisory Committee, along with current Co-Chair, Dr. Birgit Pianosi, Associate Professor, Gerontology at Huntington University who continues her duties for an additional year to ensure continuity in leadership.

Patti's role is a 2-year commitment that begins in September this year. Her duties will include a) Overall leadership of the BSO Advisory with Dr. Pianosi; b) Meeting with BSO Provincial Coordinating Office to plan the quarterly meetings; and 3) Co-chairing BSO Advisory meetings.

Patti is very excited about this opportunity: "I am honoured to co-chair this committee with Dr. Pianosi. The committee's purpose is to bring leaders and experts in the fields of research, education and capacity building, knowledge translation and communication together to further advance the BSO Pillar 3 Knowledgeable Care Team and Capacity Building. I look forward to further advancing this goal."

Please join us in congratulating Patti.

About Advanced Gerontological Education (AGE) Inc.

AGE is a national not-for-profit social enterprise committed to enhancing the care of older adults through dementia education products and services. We have continuously evolved not only to meet but to enrich the changing educational needs of the gerontological community in Canada. Today, we are a leader in accessible, affordable dementia education products and services. AGE is the creator and developer of [Gentle Persuasive Approaches \(GPA\) in Dementia Care](#).

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About Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO)

The Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) initiative was created to enhance health care services for older adults in Ontario with complex and [responsive behaviours](#) associated with dementia, mental health, substance use and/or other neurological conditions. The initiative also provides enhanced family caregiver support in the community, in long-term care or wherever the patient and/or caregiver(s) reside.

The core elements of BSO's integrated service delivery include:

- a. Mobile interdisciplinary behavioural support outreach teams that provide support to professional care providers and informal family caregivers;
- b. Case management and transitional supports to ensure care continuity and integration across sectors, as well as dementia day programs and respite care; and
- c. Specialized short- and long-stay residential care for those with particularly complex and challenging health issues (*Gutmanis et al., 2015*).