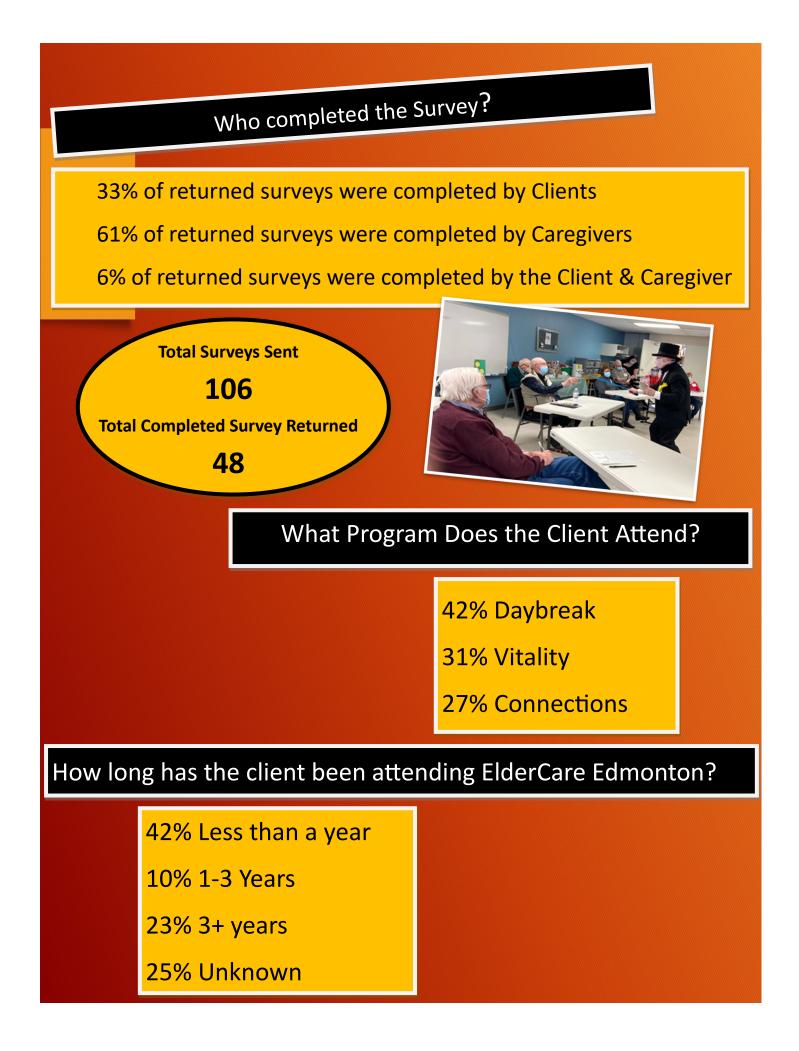
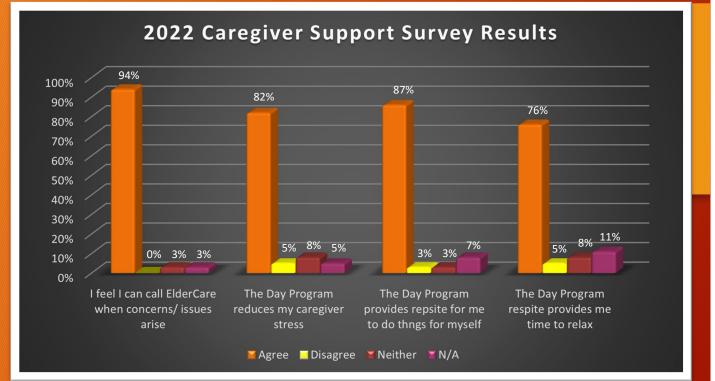
ElderCare EDMONTON

Client Survey Report 2022



Caregiver Survey Results



" My husband likes the warm, caring attention he receives from the staff. As a caregiver, I appreciate knowing what activities are happening and I am very grateful to all the caring staff members."

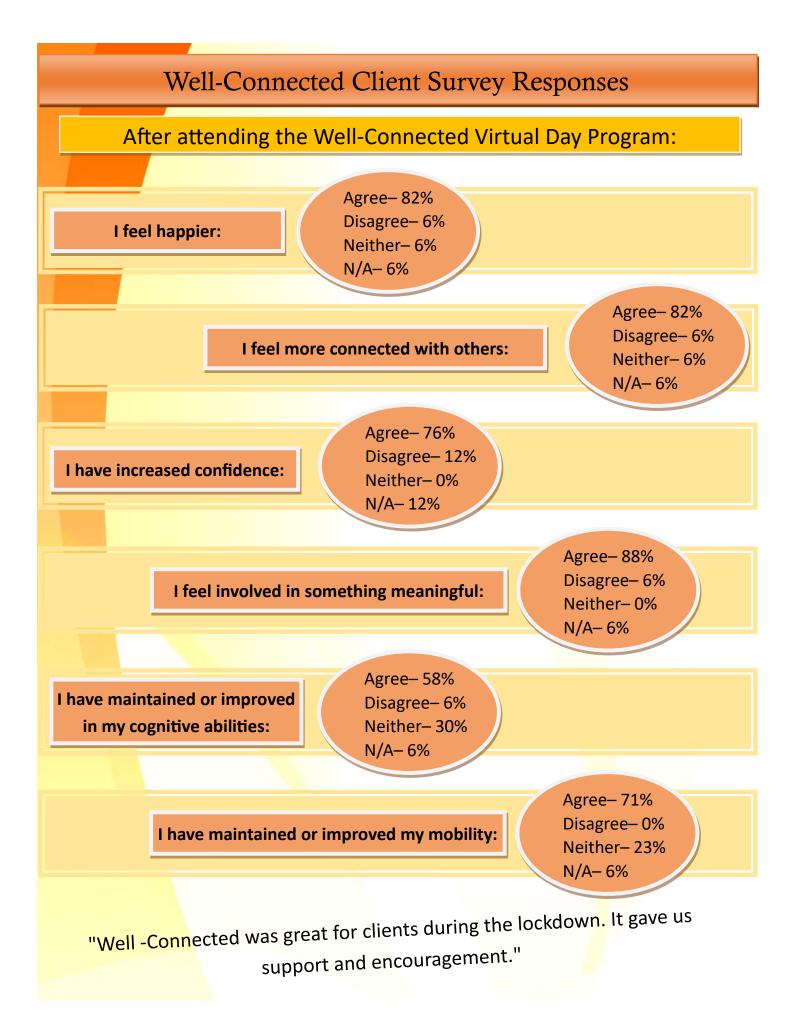
"Caregivers need the time away from clients, and the program is very helpful in providing this."

"I am grateful for this program. I am burnt out and grateful my loved one gets breaks from me and vice versa."

" I enjoy meeting with other caregivers to share our stories about our loved ones."









2022/2023 Quality Improvement Plan

This year's client/caregivers' survey results indicated a strong response from client and caregivers expressing their gratitude and appreciation for the resumption of in person programming. The survey results offered commendations, relative feedback and suggestions to enhance our in person and virtual programming.

Eldercare started off the year with the pandemic still very much amongst us, with many measures in place to keep one another safe and healthy. Our program staff continued to support our clients from a distance, with wellness calls and virtual programming such as Well Connected in collaboration with Caregivers Alberta.

During this time, we worked toward enhancing our online programming through increased cognitive programming trivia, physical activity (seated exercise), and entertainment. ElderCare purchased 9 new tablets that worked in co-ordination with smart board technology to enhance clients virtual and in person programming experience. In this year's survey results, clients expressed their appreciation and enjoyment for the exercise program on Well-Connected.

Wellness calls enabled our staff to remain connected with clients and gave our staff the opportunity to further connect with caregivers and families.

After a long awaited 15-months, in July of 2021, ElderCare Edmonton once again opened our doors to offer in person Day Program Services. The changing Covid-19 virus and power of vaccinations provided us with the ability to finally re-connect our clients with one another and with our day program staff. The resumption of programs also returned much needed respite services for many of our caregivers.

Resumption of in person participation meant changes to our usual way of providing day programs. Measures such as individual table seating, removal of communal items, new wipeable reclining chairs for client use, use of masking, isolation spaces, entrance screening as well as increased cleaning protocols were put in place for the health and safety of all. While our start back was small with just a few clients returning in the first few weeks, that number continued to grow over the remainder of the year.

ElderCare continues to offer Well-Connected Virtual Programming once a week and Wellness calls to clients who have not yet returned to in person programming. The ongoing virtual program has also established an online program that connects our three-Day Program locations for group programming once a week.



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In 2022/2023 ElderCare looks forward to re-connecting with all our client and caregivers in-person, as we return to a new normal. We are excited about the challenges and positive advancements that lie ahead for our programs.

We will continue working to provide increased feedback to families regarding client's goals and progress at the program. We were very pleased to see that 86% of clients surveys this year felt the activities offered at ElderCare Edmonton helped them reach their program goals. ElderCare will continue to explore new means to provide feedback to families, as well as to ensure families have the information, they need to feel supported and informed. Once safely able to do so, we also look forward to returning larger in person events for clients, caregivers, and families.

ElderCare Edmonton will strive to increase community engagement, awareness and remain connected with other non-profit organizations to contribute in collaborative community projects and provide additional resources for our clients and caregivers. We will focus our efforts on staff development to ensure our staff have the necessary tools, education, and skills to support the ever-changing needs of our clients.

Purchasing new technological equipment will continue to enhance virtual and in-person programs including the purchase of a Tovertafel for Day Program use. Tovertafel technology is powered through the use of infrared technology using a high-quality projector, infrared sensors, a speaker and a processor to provide projected interactive table games developed based on research by healthcare teams, and seniors living with a cognitive impairment. ElderCare hopes to continue exploring future funding options for a looping system installation, focussing on those with hearing impairments, additional options for therapeutic programming such as art or music therapy, increased opportunity for entertainment and purchases of additional program equipment for program delivery.



Looking back at the challenges of the past 2 years and the obstacles we overcame; we look forward with excitement for all 2022-2023 has in store here at ElderCare Edmonton.