Dr. Barrie Strafford Centre for Learning Innovation & Quality



SHAPING THE FUTURE

Year in Review 2025-26





Turning Ideas
Into Impact



The Dr. Barrie Strafford Centre for Learning, Innovation & Quality (CLIQ) is dedicated to driving positive change through evidence, research, innovation and learning.

With a focus on aging, children and youth, health and violence prevention, we work alongside partners to develop and evaluate solutions that strengthen programs, improve care and support healthier communities.

This year, CLIQ continued to advance research, test innovative approaches, build partnerships and share knowledge to create lasting impact.

Evidence | Research | Innovation | Learning

Ideas in Action

Highlights from 2025-26



Garden Loft

In partnership with Garden Loft and with support from Alberta Innovates, CLIQ launched an innovative health data integration project exploring how passive monitoring and real-time health insights can support aging in place.

The project is developing and evaluating a digital health dashboard designed to identify changes to health and routines earlier, support proactive care and help older adults live safely and independently in their communities.



SilverMOVE

Through the Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation (CABHI) Discover + Adopt program, BSF, with support from CLIQ, selected SilverMOVE to trial in continuing care.

Developed by Motive Force, the virtual reality-based exercise system uses immersive activities to support movement, mobility and engagement, exploring how the technology can support older adults' wellbeing, participation and quality of life in care settings.



ARMM

CLIQ partnered with Acute Care Alberta, Alberta Health Services and Bisep Innovations to pilot the ARMM Ambulate and Transfer devices in continuing care.

Designed to support walking and transfers with a one-person assist, the devices aim to enhance resident mobility and independence while reducing demands on care teams. Funded through envisAGE, a collaboration between MEDTEQ+ and AGE-WELL, the project supports quality of life for older adults.

Improving Innovation Readiness in Continuing Care

Building on the Guide for Innovators, CLIQ continued to advance innovation in continuing care this year.



From Trial to Practice

In partnership with the Institute for Continuing Care Education and Research (ICCER) and with funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), CLIQ launched a project to help move continuing care innovations beyond the pilot stage and into sustainable practice.

The project is developing an Innovation Readiness Framework and Toolkit to help organizations assess their readiness for innovation, make evidence-informed decisions and navigate implementation. Developed in collaboration with continuing care partners, the practical resources will help strengthen innovation adoption across the sector.

Voices of Innovation Video Series

Voices of Innovation brings CLIQ's Guide for Innovators to life by sharing perspectives from frontline continuing care teams. The video series offers practical insights into sector realities, challenges and key considerations to help innovators better understand the environments where their solutions may be implemented.

Watch the video series:

Supportive Program for Advancing & Rethinking Quality



Through SPARQ, BSF brought together residents, families and staff to identify opportunities and develop creative quality improvement solutions, supported by CLIQ.

Building on the success of the first cohort, SPARQ 2.0 launched in February 2026, helping teams bring ideas to life through a recycling initiative at Cambridge Manor, a curling tournament at Clifton House, accessibility-focused door decals at Wentworth Manor, warm towels to support dignity at mealtimes at Tudor Manor, a refreshed computer room at Heart Home Network, and a communication mural at Bow View Manor to better connect families and caregivers with site leaders.





What's Next at CLIQ

Guided by Impact 2030, BSF's strategic plan, CLIQ is helping drive the next chapter of innovation and impact. Building on the momentum of our work so far, CLIQ will continue bringing people, ideas and expertise together to advance initiatives across aging, children and youth, health and violence prevention.





Aging

Quality of Life

Advance quality of life by strengthening independence, wellbeing, and meaningful social connection through innovative, community-based approaches.

Children & Youth

Nutrition & Early Education

Advance equitable opportunities and long-term wellbeing through nutrition, learning, and resilient communities.

Health

Caribbean Eye & ENT Health

Advance equitable access to sustainable eye and ENT healthcare in underserved Caribbean communities.

Violence Prevention

Family Violence Prevention

Advance the prevention of family and community violence by strengthening systems, building capacity, and advancing evidence-informed solutions.