

# BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## WHO ARE WE?

The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Family Engagement Committee was first created in March 2023 and represents the diverse voices of those with loved ones receiving services within ACT Teams across BC. The Family Engagement Committee provides advisory, advocacy, and educational input to improve the care experience. Members include ACT family members (current and former) across BC.



## PURPOSE

To provide a forum and ongoing mechanism whereby ACT family members can:

- Advance issues of importance to them
- Provide input on identified priorities of the BC ACT Advance Practice (AP)
- Make the case for strengthening ACT Approach
- Improve quality of service delivery to clients receiving ACT
- Provide a linkage to the Provincial ACT Advisory Committee

## WHAT DO WE DO?

### ► INFORM

There is an ongoing dialogue between BC ACT Advanced Practice and the Family Engagement Committee. ACT teams seek input from the Family Engagement Committee to improve practice guidelines, policy, and care within the ACT model of care from the perspectives of family and persons with lived and living experience.

### 🎯 ADVOCATE

Family members bring advocacy ideas to the Family Engagement Committee for research and discussion, and determine the best course of action (if any). Letters of position are often created and distributed to appropriate leadership (e.g. government, partners, health authorities) with the goal of influencing policy, funding, and other systemic changes.

### ❤️ EDUCATE

The Family Engagement Committee is dedicated to raising awareness and providing education about ACT services, ensuring understanding of the supports available to their loved ones. By sharing lived experiences and valuable resources, the committee highlights the positive impact of ACT on recovery, stability, and overall well-being.

## JOIN US!

We are always looking for new members. We meet monthly via Microsoft Teams. Diverse perspectives are valued. We extend a wholehearted welcome to new members.

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