

Grant will aid services review

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Wilfrid Laurier University psychology professor Geoffrey Nelson and John Lord of the Centre for Research and Education in Human Services, a Kitchener non-profit organization, have received a \$50,000 research grant for a study that aims to improve policies

The grant comes from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Status of Disabled Persons Secretariat of Human Resources Development Canada.

The grant will fund a two-year look at how mental health services have changed over the years.

The researchers will then look at three local groups -- the Canadian Mental Health Association/Waterloo branch; Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health Inc., and Waterloo Regional Self- Help.

They will interview service users, family members and service providers to determine what factors help or hinder the movement toward making the community more accommodating and accepting of people needing mental-health services.

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