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Overview of TVN's Giving Voice to Frail Elderly Canadians



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Giving Voice to Frail Elderly Canadians Initiative

- Initiative aimed to improve care of frail elderly Canadians by increasing and enhancing partnerships and engagement with them
- meaningful, timely, and appropriate involvement of individuals and potential support systems in policy development, program planning and implementation, research development, and health care decision making.



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Citizen

- all citizens who formally or informally use health care services in Canada.

Family caregiver

- refers to family, friends, neighbours, and other social support systems of the frail elderly individual.

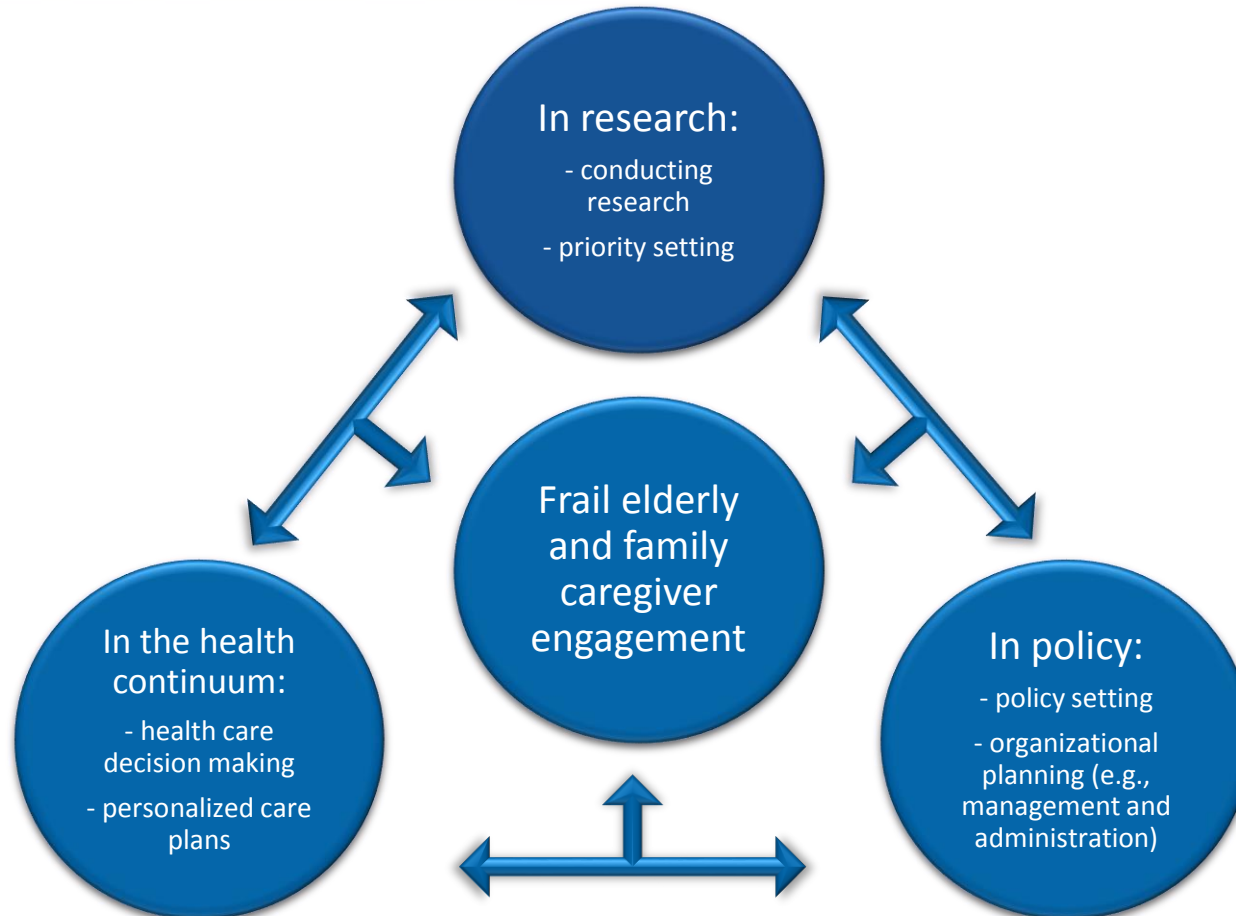


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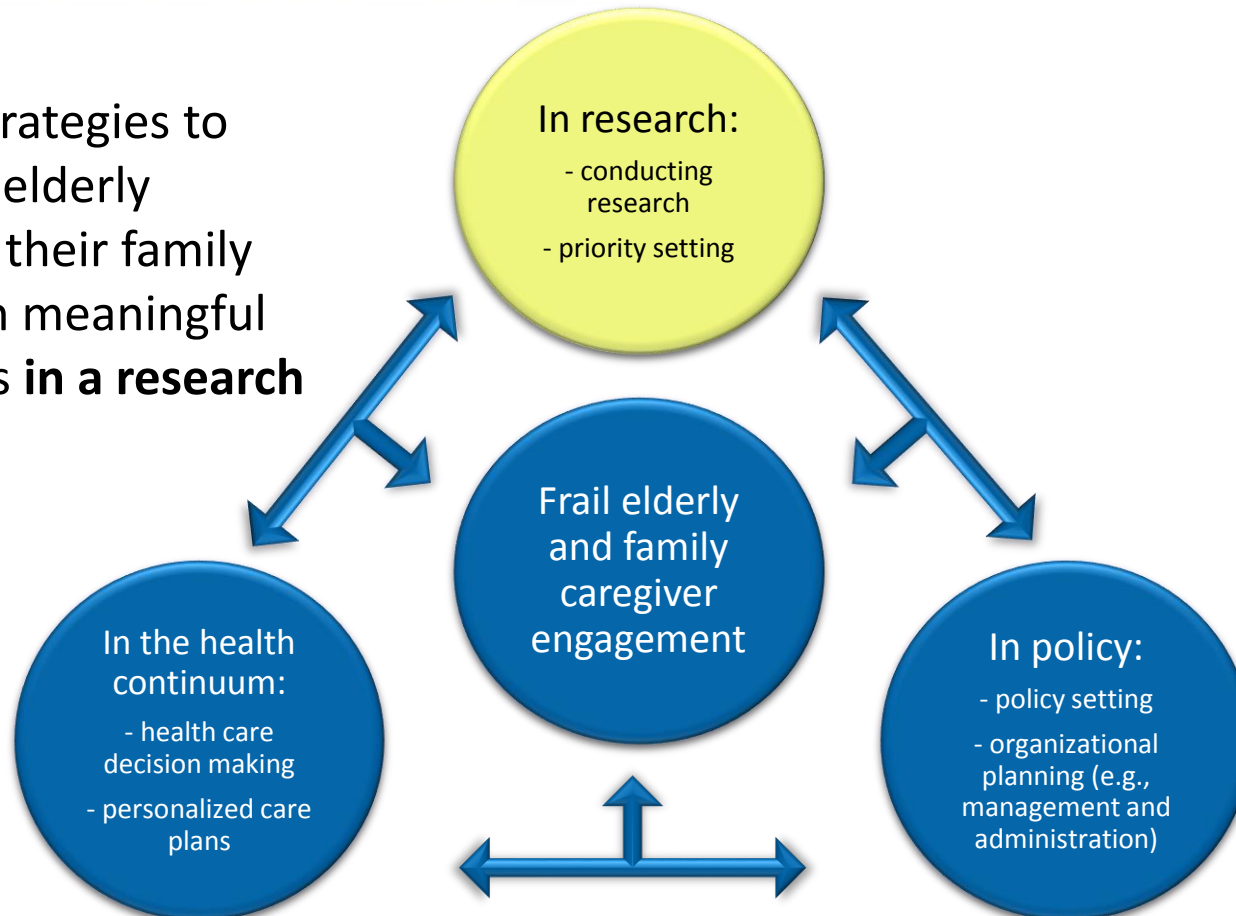
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Theme 1: Strategies to engage frail elderly citizens and their family caregivers in meaningful partnerships **in a research setting.**



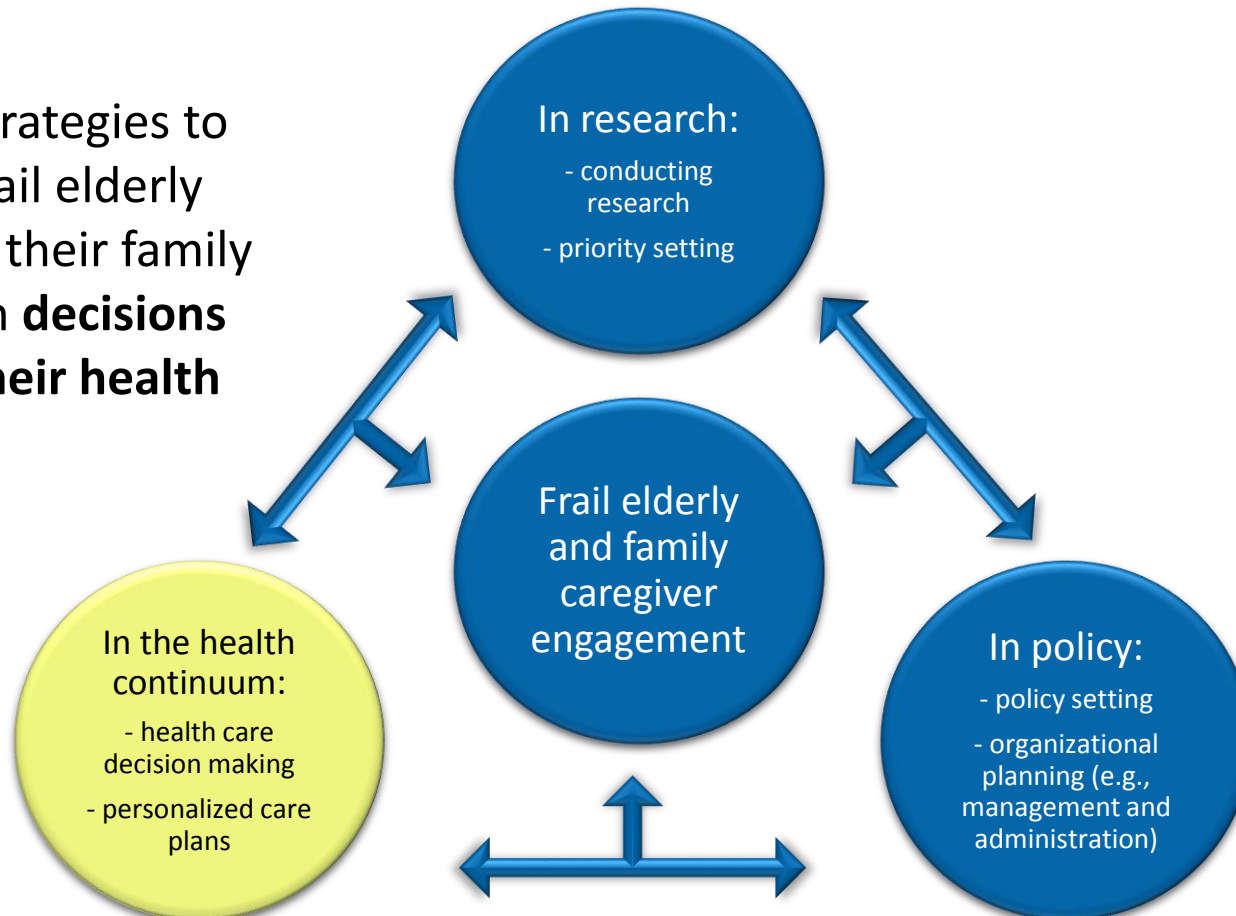
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Theme 2: Strategies to empower frail elderly citizens and their family caregivers in **decisions regarding their health care needs**



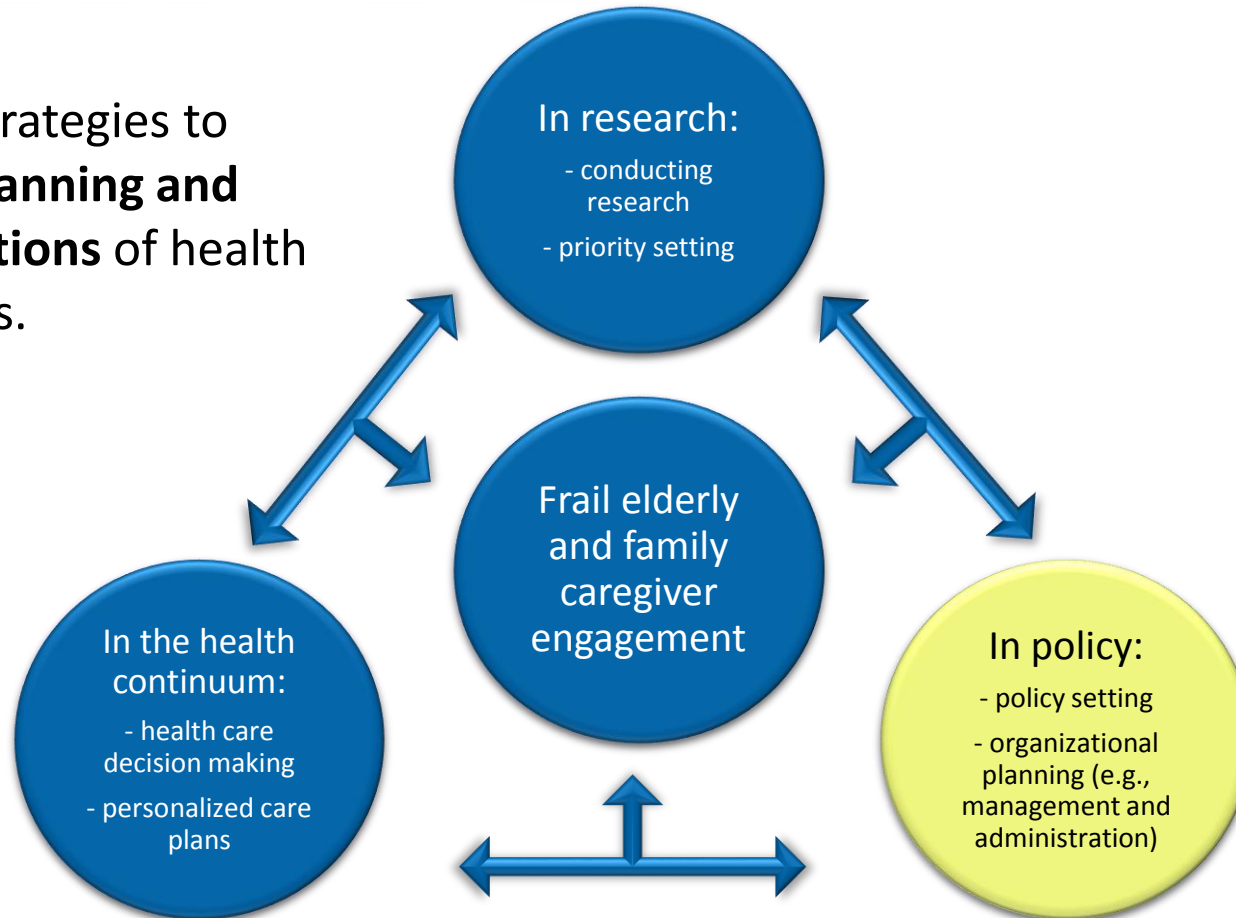
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Theme 3: Strategies to influence **planning and policy directions** of health care systems.

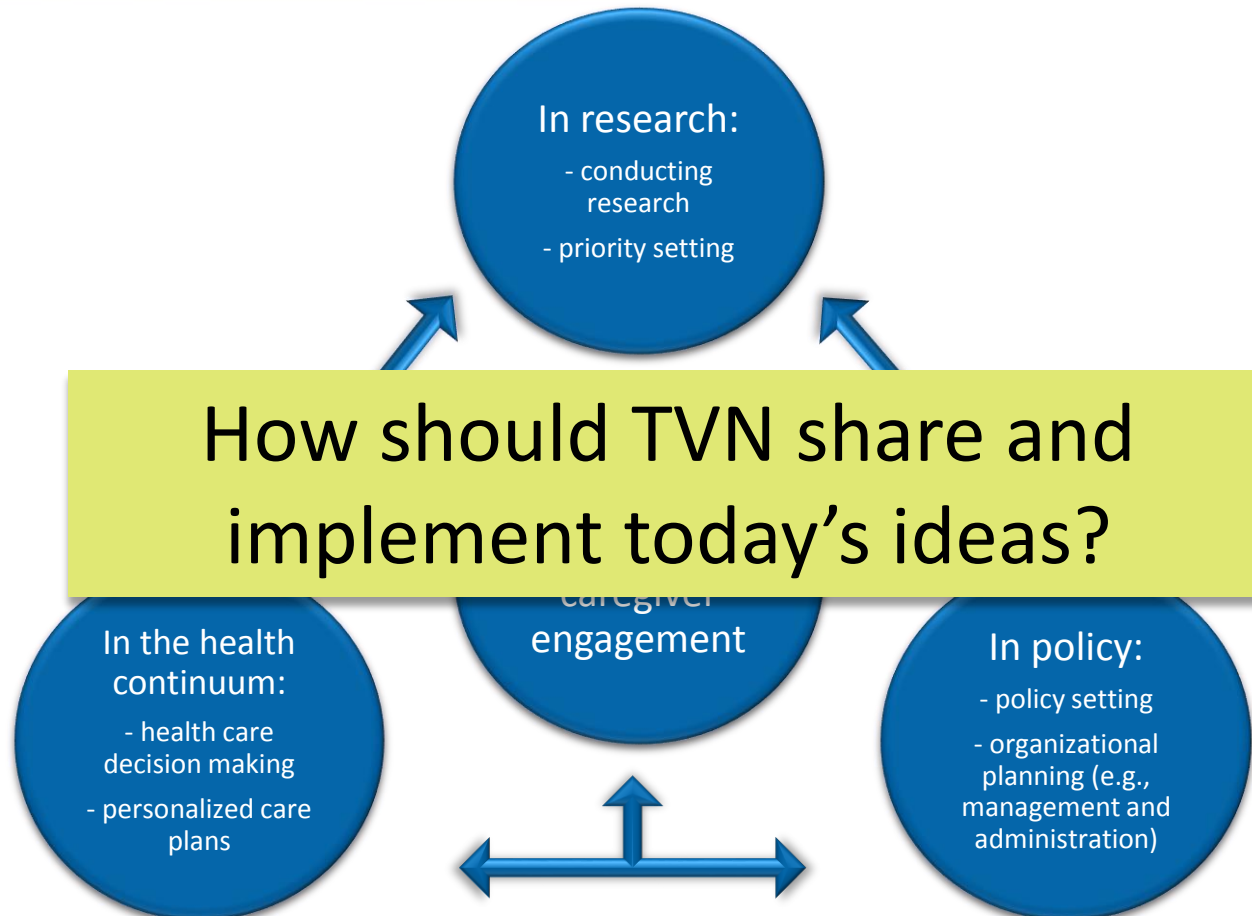


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Goals of today

Gain consensus on the initiative themes

- Determine ways to engage frail elderly and family caregivers
- Determine hurdles to engagement
- Other considerations?
- **Discuss and determine ways that TVN should implement the ideas from today.**



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How today's input will be used

- **shape the discussion paper**
- serve as the basis for a new training module for TVN-funded students
- guide the preparation of an **information “toolkit”** for use by the TVN network
- **facilitate the evaluation** of how well, and to what degree research applicants are engaging and partnering with frail elderly Canadians and their caregivers
- help **identity research gaps** in our understanding of engaging frail elderly citizens and their family caregivers



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