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Jennifer Bethell is a Scientist at The KITE Research Institute at University Health Network (Toronto). Jennifer is an epidemiologist, so most of her research involves analyzing large datasets to understand patterns of health and how to improve health in the population. Almost all of her research has been on topics related to mental health, but her current research interests are specific to older adults, including people living with dementia and in long-term care homes.

Jennifer has worked with OARC in the past, including most recently to highlight research demonstrating the importance of social connection in long-term care homes and how social connection can be supported. Jennifer is very much looking forward to contributing her research expertise to OARC by supporting OARC in using research evidence as well as in roles where OARC can inform the research agenda. She is inspired by OARC's commitment to long-term care residents by enabling them to contribute their lived experience and support each other - all with the goal of improving the place they call home.