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**Key Messages:**

Thirty-five per cent of Canadians over the age of 85 have dementia, and up to 90 per cent of their home care is provided by family and friends. The purpose of this study was to explore the use and satisfaction with home and community-based services for persons with dementia from the perspectives of family caregivers. The study was conducted using an interpretive, descriptive, qualitative approach. Six focus groups (N = 36) and three personal interviews were conducted with rural and urban caregivers in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada. Using Lubrosky's (1944) thematic analysis, the overarching themes identified were availability and acceptability of services. The findings suggest a need for an integrated continuing care model that includes the person living with dementia and their family caregivers as partners in care, addresses all the determinants of health, embraces sensitivity, diversity, flexibility and supportive services to enhance the availability and acceptability of Canadian home and community-based services.