

Backgrounder Renseignements



Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Ministère de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée

MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT EXPANDING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

Community Health Centres use a community development approach to health care that ensures Ontarians who face access barriers such as race, language, poverty, physical disabilities or geographic isolation have access to primary health care and community health programs.

The centres have teams of health care professionals including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, counsellors, community workers and dietitians who deliver a range of services.

As part of this initiative, the government is investing in the priority neighbourhoods identified in the City of Toronto's *Strong Neighbourhoods Report*: Crescent Town, Flemingdon Park – Victoria Village, Jamestown, Jane-Finch, Malvern, Westminster-Branson, Weston-Mount Dennis, Lawrence Heights, Steeles-L'Amoureux, Dorset Park, Eglinton East-Kennedy Park, Scarborough Village and Kingston-Galloway. The province is supporting one new CHC (Malvern) and eight new satellite CHCs (local community branches of the centres) in Toronto's priority neighbourhoods, and providing funding for additional staffing in existing CHCs to develop programs to address specific problems and issues identified within their communities.

Existing CHCs in other communities across the province will also benefit from staffing enhancements over the three-year period.

Below is a chart outlining the 22 new Community Health Centres and 17 new satellites CHCs for 2005-2008:

2005/06		2006/07		2007/08		LHIN
CHC	Satellite	CHC	Satellite	CHC	Satellite	
		Chatham/Kent			Wallaceburg	Erie-St.Clair
Woodstock		St. Thomas		Markdale		South West
	Shelldale					Waterloo Wellington
Fort Erie/Port Colborne		St. Catharines		Brantford Niagara Falls		Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant
		Bramalea	Jamestown	Vaughan	Malton Kipling-Dixon	Central West
	Gooch-Cooper Mill, the Junction and North High Park		Crescent Town			Toronto Central
	Jane-Finch		Don Mills-Finch Weston-Mount Dennis		York Centre	Central
Malvern		Minden Brock Township		Port Hope	Pickering	Central East
	Smiths Falls	Belleville			Napanee Trenton	South East
Cornwall Prescott-Russell	Nepean					Champlain
				Collingwood Midland		North Simcoe Muskoka
Sudbury East Kapusking				Sturgeon Falls		North East
			Thunder Bay			North West

