

IMPROVING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED HIV/AIDS SERVICES*McGuinty Government Increasing Funding For Education And Support***NEWS**

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Ontario is increasing its investment in HIV/AIDS research and community-based services to a total of \$33.7 million in 2008/09 – an increase of \$1.7 million from last year.

The funding increase will assist the community groups with the rising demand for their programs and will also support the enhanced regional capacity for specific organizations.

There are more than 90 groups and initiatives across the province delivering HIV/AIDS education and support programs for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and for those most at risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS.

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“Community-based HIV/AIDS services are a vital part of our government’s response to the HIV epidemic,” said Health and Long-Term Care Minister David Caplan. “With strong roots in the community, these organizations are providing essential support services for people living with HIV/AIDS as well as needed prevention strategies for those most at risk of acquiring the disease.”

QUICK FACTS

- The HIV/AIDS epidemic remains unstable and is increasing in specific populations, including gay and bisexual men, African and Caribbean Ontarians, Aboriginal Ontarians, and people who use injection drugs.
- Currently there are over 26,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Ontario approximately 30% of them have not been diagnosed.
- The government is spending about \$55 million in 2008/09 for HIV/AIDS related programs – which includes \$33.7 million for community-based services.
- December 1st marks the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day.

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