



Supportive Housing for Ontario Addictions Programs

McGuinty Government Funds Supportive Housing for Healthier Communities

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Central East LHIN is pleased to announce \$423,000 for 32 supportive housing units in Central East LHIN to help people living with addictions increase stability and security in their lives and reduce pressure on hospital emergency rooms.

Ontario is providing \$16 million province-wide over three years to fund 1,000 supportive housing units for people with substance use issues. The program is targeted to help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who may have one of the following characteristics:

- Repeat users of addictions treatment system;
- Complex addiction problems;
- A concurrent disorder.

This funding comes as Minister of Health and Long-Term Care David Caplan launches a discussion paper towards the development of a 10-year mental health and addictions strategy this week at his *Open Minds. Healthy Minds.* Summit in Toronto.

QUOTES

I'm pleased this client-centred initiative is part of our commitment to improve mental health and addictions services in Ontario. Providing stable, safe and supportive housing not only improves the mental health and well-being of those who need the service, but also opens doors to healthier communities.

– David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

Improving care for people requiring mental health and addictions services continues to be one of our key priorities in the Central East LHIN. Mental Health and Addiction clients and providers, from across the LHIN, are working together to ensure that people get the services they need, where and when they need them.

- Deborah Hammons, CEO, Central East LHIN

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QUICK FACTS

- Ontario has approximately 8,500 supportive housing units for people with a serious mental illness.
- In 2006/07, 9,650 clients receiving addiction treatment stated 'no fixed address' when asked where they live.

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Find out more about [addiction treatment services in Ontario](#).

Get more information on [Minister Caplan's Advisory Group on Mental Health and Addictions](#).

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