

Ontario Releases Mental Health And Addictions Discussion Paper

McGuinty Government Launches Consultation At Mental Health And Addictions Strategy Summit

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Ontario has released a discussion paper, *Every Door is the Right Door* to contribute to the development of a 10-year mental health and addictions strategy.

The paper was released at the *Open Minds. Healthy Minds* Summit co-hosted by Minister David Caplan and his Advisory Group on Mental Health and Addictions. The provincial summit is an opportunity for approximately 1,000 consumers and experts from across Ontario to contribute ideas towards the development of Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

Further consultations and round tables on the discussion paper will be held across Ontario in the fall. The advisory group will report to the Minister in winter 2009/10.

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This provincial summit will not only help to raise the profile of mental health and addictions, but also the feedback taken from it and other consultations will shape our final strategy.

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

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario has more than 300 community-based mental health programs offering a range of services and supports that provide alternatives to inpatient services, reduce admissions at psychiatric facilities and support people right in the communities.
- Ontario funds 150 substance abuse treatment programs and provincial initiatives including withdrawal management, community counselling, residential treatment and support services.
- One in every five Ontarians will experience a serious mental health illness or harmful substance use.

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Read the Advisory Group's discussion paper at www.health.gov.on.ca/mha-feedback

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