

Family Health Teams

Advancing Primary Care

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The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Health Results Team is proud to provide you with the first of a series of bulletins about Family Health Teams.

This first bulletin is intended to inform healthcare providers, stakeholders, communities and all Ontarians about the government's plans to improve access to primary health care services through the introduction of interdisciplinary Family Health Teams. It will provide information on what a Family Health Team (FHT) will be and our plans for working with you on establishing these local primary care delivery organizations.

Over the next few months we will use various methods to communicate with and seek feedback from health care providers, communities and stakeholders about our plans and activities.

The Vision

We know all Ontarians deserve the very best healthcare.

That is why the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry) is committed to working with our province's dedicated healthcare professionals to improve the healthcare system.

We want to make it more patient-centred and more responsive to local needs.

Primary Health Care is the "navigator" of the health care system. It provides clinical services as close to home as possible, it provides system access, and it provides continuity of care.

Family Health Teams will improve access to primary health care through the introduction of interdisciplinary health teams. These teams will be developed with cooperation and input from both the community and the providers. The teams will build on the successes of the past but may be different sizes and offer different programs, tailored to meet the needs of the local population they serve.

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Family Health Teams – Moving Ahead

Application Update

The Family Health Team request for information application process closed on February 15, 2005.

A total of 213 applications from across the province were received and we'd like to thank all of those applicants for their hard work and dedication. These preliminary FHT proposals showed both creativity and innovation from all of the applicants and illustrated a genuine excitement for improving primary care in communities across Ontario through this new model.

Listed below is the breakdown of the proposed number of FHTs by each Local Health Integration Network.

Proposed # of FHTs per LHIN

