

News Release

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Official Opening of the Mississauga Halton LHIN Regional Learning Centre

Building community knowledge and practice through an innovative educational resource

Oakville (September 30, 2014) – The Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is pleased to announce the official opening of the new Regional Learning Centre. Located within a community hub environment in the heart of the region, the centre was designed to strengthen the skills and abilities of direct care providers in our communities through education, development and focused learning. This transfer of new knowledge and best practice skills will enable direct care providers to achieve enhanced levels of expertise and standards of care.

Board Chair of the Mississauga Halton LHIN Graeme Goebelle, was joined by Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn, Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr, and other community stakeholders to mark the official opening of the Regional Learning Centre located on Bristol Circle in Oakville.

“The Mississauga Halton LHIN is proud to work with our partners to bring educational opportunities to community health practitioners in our region,” said Graeme Goebelle. “Through the Advancement of Community Practice initiative, the LHIN is supporting focused education and helping to build our community expertise. We have great partners to thank and share in the success.”

In the first year of the program at the Regional Education Centre, four community educators will provide educational opportunities for front-line staff and supervisors in a variety of topic areas that include:

- Hospice Palliative Care
- interRAI Training/Refresh (assessment skills)
- Enhanced Personal Support Worker, and
- Health Equity



Community Educators are also available on a mobile basis with access to IT services and mobile projectors enabling educators to come to the practitioners' environment even if they are unable to attend the learning centre.

The Regional Learning Centre is a key objective of the Advancement of Community Practice (ACP) initiative. The ACP initiative is comprised of six collaboratives that will be working to formulate, implement and evaluate standardized operating procedures and practices. These include:

- Education and Development
- Behaviours
- Falls and Exercise
- Caregiver Respite Program
- Medication Management
- Continence Program

The Advancement of Community Practice partnerships include a collaboration of 38 organizations within the Mississauga Halton LHIN that work collaboratively through an evidence informed practice to enhance community capacity and deliver high quality care.

Accommodating up to 60 learners, the Mississauga Halton LHIN Regional Learning Centre features two classrooms, a large screen projector and computer access, video-conferencing, Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) teleconferencing, and office space for staff.

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“Congratulations to the Mississauga Halton LHIN on this innovative and exceptional initiative to build knowledge capacity in the community sector. This investment will further ensure the ongoing development of care and services. Mississauga Halton is a fast growing region and needs innovations such as this to advance the quality agenda.”

— Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“Enhancing and strengthening the partnership between health service providers and caregivers is a vital component in the delivery of world class healthcare. Providing the educational tools and resources for the community, as the Mississauga Halton LHIN has through their Regional Learning Centre, is a great way to develop these important relationships.”

— Kevin Flynn, MPP, Oakville

“Links2Care is proud to partner with Nucleus Independent Living to open the new Mississauga Halton LHIN Regional Learning Centre. Hundreds of health service providers will be served every year within this 1,000 square foot facility equipped with a computer projection system for on-site training and a video conferencing system supporting distance education.”

— Mark Spence, Interim Executive Director, Links2Care

“It’s inspiring to be part of an innovative leading edge initiative that will be so valued by community health care workers and caregivers. The MHLHIN Regional Learning Centre will play a vital role in promoting evidenced based skill development, lifelong learning and enhanced knowledge capital in the Community Services Sector.”

— Beverley John, CEO/Executive Director, Nucleus Independent Living

“I understand more now...anytime I come to the RLC I master something new.”

“I like the physical set-up. I enjoyed working through the activities and working with other participants. I really appreciated the validation of the work we do.”

- Students from the Regional Learning Centre

Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network

The Mississauga Halton LHIN brings together local providers from hospitals, community care, community mental health and addictions, and community support services agencies to develop innovative, collaborative solutions to improve access and enhance the experience of patients and clients. The Mississauga Halton LHIN has a clear, achievable regional plan to improve our local health care that reflects the needs of our local community and the realities of the local service environment. The Mississauga Halton LHIN is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding (\$1.3 billion annually) 76 health service providers who deliver programs and services to the over 1.1 million people living in the Mississauga Halton LHIN communities of Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills, Mississauga and South Etobicoke.

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