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HELPING MORE SENIORS GET THE CARE THEY NEED AT HOME

Ontario Improving Access to Home and Community Care

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(WINDSOR) - Seniors and residents in Essex, Kent and Lambton Counties are receiving better access to home care and community supports to help them live independently and at home longer.

Ontario is providing over \$14 million to support home care for more seniors and for expanded community health care services, including mental health supports, in the Erie St. Clair LHIN

This investment will support programs that reduce unnecessary emergency room and hospital readmissions, including:

- \$3.4 million to enable seniors to live at home with help from frontline Personal Support Worker care through the Erie St. Clair Community Care Access Centre
- \$1 million to support frail seniors live independently through Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario
- \$330,000 for the Windsor Essex Community Health Centre Active Aging Program, a program that helps seniors with conditions such as heart failure and stroke

Improving access to home care and community supports is a key priority of [Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care](#) and helps to provide the right care, at the right time, in the right place. This is part of the Ontario government's economic plan to invest in people, invest in infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

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“We are investing our health care dollars in services that help Erie St. Clair Region residents get the care they need at the right time, in the right place. This means better access to quality and timely care for patients, and especially our seniors.”

— Hon. Teresa Piruzza, MPP for Windsor West

“Providing seniors with more timely access to health care in their homes and communities ensures our health care system works better for everyone, improving access for all who need care, where they need it.”

— Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

“The Erie St. Clair LHIN invests in community organizations, such as the CCAC, to ensure that the people providing care are delivering the programs that our residents need. The kind of programs that help our seniors to live independently in their communities and in their homes.”

— Gary Switzer, CEO, Erie St. Clair LHIN

“This investment outlines the importance of providing increased access to care in the home for our seniors. The home is at the heart of community care, and supporting our seniors to live in their homes strengthens our local health care system”

— Kathryn Biondi, Board Chair, Erie St. Clair CCAC

QUICK FACTS

- More than 637,000 people currently receive home care across Ontario.
- Over the next 20 years, the population of seniors aged 65 and over in Ontario will more than double from 1.9 million today to 4.2 million in 2036.

LEARN MORE

- [Ontario’s Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Ontario’s Action Plan for Seniors](#)
- Dr. Samir Sinha’s report [Living Longer, Living Well](#)

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