

NEW - Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment Hub in Oshawa

OSHAWA — The Ontario government is expanding access to high-quality mental health and addictions care with the launch of a new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub in Oshawa. This is part of the province's more than \$560 million investment to open 29 HART Hubs across Ontario to protect the safety of families and communities, while improving access to recovery and treatment services for people facing housing instability, mental health and substance use challenges.

"We are building a stronger, more connected system of mental health and addictions care that better reflects the needs of communities and focuses on lasting recovery," said Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "The opening of this new HART Hub will ensure that people struggling with mental health and addictions challenges in Durham Region can access support services that prioritizes their path to recovery and strengthen community safety."

HART Hubs connect people to a range of comprehensive treatment and recovery services such as primary care, mental health services, addictions care, social

services and employment support. The Oshawa HART Hub is delivering services, with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Durham serving as the lead agency in collaboration with local partner organizations including the Mission United Program, Mission United Physicians Services, The Back Door Mission, Lakeridge Health Oshawa, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Durham Community Health Clinic, John Howard Society and the Region of Durham. The Hub brings together a collaborative network of clinical, social service and care providers working to deliver services tailored to local needs, including:

- Primary Care
- Mental health and addictions services including symptom management and medication titration, trauma-informed interventions and evidence-informed programming
- Case management for income supports, social services, employment supports
- Case management for mental health and addictions
- Mental health and addictions supportive housing
- Indigenous services
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Convenient Care and building on the Roadmap to Wellness, the province is taking action to connect individuals to integrated mental health and addictions services, where and when they need it.

The Oshawa HART Hub is located at 78 Richmond St West. The region's other HART Hub, located in Whitby, is actively delivering services.

In March 2025, the government announced plans to establish 28 HART Hubs across the province. In April 2026, the government expanded the network by announcing a new Kingston location, bringing the total to 29 hubs, supported by an investment of more than \$560 million.

HART Hubs will also add close to 900 supportive housing units across the province. This is over 300 more than originally planned, helping people transition to stable, long-term housing.

With a focus on treatment and recovery, HART Hubs will not offer safer supply, supervised drug consumption or needle exchange programs.

Through the Roadmap to Wellness, Ontario is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to close gaps in mental health and addictions care and build a world-class sys-

tem. This investment is helping create new services and expand programs across the province.

As part of Budget 2025, Ontario is investing \$303 million over the next three years to support community-led and delivered mental health programs.

"With a \$6,300,000 investment, the new Oshawa HART Hub brings people the right care, at the right time, supporting recovery, stability and dignity. By strengthening local partnerships and focusing on treatment, we are helping individuals rebuild their lives while making communities safer and more connected."

- Peter Bethlenfalvy MPP, Pickering—Uxbridge

"The Oshawa Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub, alongside the Whitby HART Hub, will serve as a cornerstone of support for those facing mental health and addiction challenges in Durham Region. By focusing on treatment and recov-

ery, these Hubs will help residents regain control of their lives while ensuring our communities remain supported. Together, they reflect our government's long-standing commitment to providing meaningful resources and compassionate care to those who need it most."

- Lorne Coe MPP, Whitby

"The new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub here in Oshawa will be a cornerstone of support for those struggling with addiction and mental health challenges and this initiative reflects our commitment to providing meaningful resources and compassionate care to those who need it most. Compassionate care is central to our approach and by focusing on treatment and recovery, this hub will help individuals regain control of their lives while ensuring the community remains supported."

- Todd McCarthy MPP for Durham

"We welcome the new HART Hub in Oshawa, where recovery-focused care will connect individuals in need to coordinate, wrap-around mental health and addictions services. We sincerely thank the Province of Ontario for its significant investment and for expanding the HART Hub network into Oshawa in partnership with CMHA Durham."

- Dan Carter Mayor of Oshawa

"HART Hub Oshawa is a significant advancement toward a more connected and accessible system of care. Through strong cross-sectoral collaboration, we are reducing barriers and improving timely access to the support people in our community need, when they need it. This program reflects a shared commitment to an integrated system of care in Durham Region, one that is coordinated, responsive and grounded in our communities' priorities."

- Sheryl Wedderburn CEO, CMHA Durham



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