

Ontario Opens Kingston HART Hub, Replacing Last Remaining Provincial Drug Injection Site

KINGSTON — As part of its plan to protect families and keep communities safe, Ontario has opened the new Kingston HART Hub, replacing the last provincially funded drug injection site in Ontario. With the Kingston HART Hub now operational, all 29 Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs are open across the province. Supported by an investment of more than \$560 million, HART Hubs have already delivered care to more than 46,000 clients served, advancing the government's plan to fund treatment and lasting recovery from addiction rather than continued public funding for drug injection sites. "Our government is focused on real solutions that provide those struggling with addiction with the supports they need to break the tragic cycle of addiction," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "With all 29 HART Hubs now open and serving communities, we're connecting vulnerable people to the treatment and recovery services they need to rebuild their lives, while protecting Ontario communities from the impacts of illegal drug use."

In April 2026, Ontario expanded its HART Hub network from 28 to 29 hubs with the addition of the Kingston HART Hub. The new hub is now open and delivering treatment and recovery services, with Addiction and Mental Health Services — Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington (AMHS-KFLA) serving as the lead agency. The hub will leverage community partnerships to connect people to integrated health, social and housing supports closer to home. A collaborative network of clinical, social service and care providers will deliver services tailored to local needs, including:

- Connection to primary care, mental health and addictions services
- Housing and community services
- Shower facilities and other basic needs supports
- Access to Indigenous-led programs, services and cultural supports
- On-site health services and care coordination
- Support for accessing addictions treatment, recovery services and medications
- Staff-led programming, group activities and peer supports
- Beds and rest spaces

HART Hubs are part of the province's broader plan to connect people to integrated care closer to home, reducing barriers to treatment and recovery. This approach responds directly to local public safety concerns associated with drug injection sites by providing real, long-term support to vulnerable residents while protecting local parks, community areas and other public spaces. Since launching in April 2025, HART Hubs have supported more than 46,000 clients and over 530 individuals access supportive housing while connecting people to a range of

health and human services, including:

- Mental health services including mental health treatment, crisis intervention and psychiatric services
- Primary care
- Addictions care and support including substance use treatment and supports
- Case management including service navigation to social services, employment supports and other community resources
- Supplies and basic needs supports such as on-site showers, meals and access to beds
- Supportive housing, shelter services and transition beds including housing supports and pathways to permanent housing
- Community-based mental health and addictions services including peer support and outreach services

"HART Hubs are about meeting people where they are and connecting them to the care and supports they need," said Michelle Cooper, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "By expanding services in Kingston and across the province, we're helping more individuals access treatment and recovery closer to home while strengthening partnerships that make a real difference in communities."

This action builds on legislation passed in 2024 that prohibits drug injection sites from operating within 200 metres of schools and child-care centres. The government remains clear that the focus must be on treatment, recovery and safer communities.

Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care and building on the Roadmap to Wellness, the province is connecting individuals to integrated mental health and addictions services, where and when they need it.

The Kingston HART Hub is located at 661 Montreal Street on an interim basis and is actively delivering services. The Kingston HART Hub is the 29th HART Hub to open as part of Ontario's province wide network, helping ensure vulnerable people connect to high-quality care where and when they need it.

The Kingston HART Hub is delivering integrated care through a network of local community partners, including the City of Kingston, the Frontenac

Lennox and Addington Ontario Health Team, Home Base Housing, Kingston Community Health Centre, South East Public Health, Kingston Health Sciences Centre, Kingston Native Centre and Language Nest, Kingston Police, Providence Care, Peer Support South East Ontario and United Way KFLA.

The Kingston HART Hub will be supported by more than 50 transitional and supportive housing units, helping connect individuals to stable housing and achieve greater stability.

In April 2026, the province announced an additional HART Hub in Kingston, bringing the total number of HART Hubs across Ontario to 29. HART Hubs will also add more than 900 supportive housing units across the province, more than 300 units above the original plan, 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 services (including needle distribution). However, needle return and collection services are eligible services at HART Hubs.

Building on the efforts to strengthen and integrate the mental health and addictions (MHA) system, the government has invested more than \$560 million to open 29 HART Hubs across the province.

In addition to this new investment in HART Hubs, Budget 2025 included an investment of \$303 million over three years to stabilize the community-based mental health and addictions services sector.

"Our government continues to build capacity across our health-care system by embracing a team-based approach to protect our communities and support recovery from addiction. Mental health and addictions continue to be a key priority and I congratulate the City of Kingston for welcoming and embracing the HART Hub model."

- John Jordan
MPP for Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health

"The opening of the Kingston HART Hub is an important milestone to build upon and

expand access to care for the individuals we serve. No single organization can address the complex challenges associated with mental health, substance use, and housing insecurity alone. Through strong partnerships and a shared commitment to person-centered care, the HART Hub will help address needs and connect individuals to coordinated services that promote stability, recovery and hope. We are grateful to the Province of Ontario for its investment in this important initiative, one that will strengthen and increase access to integrated health, housing, and social supports in our community. "

- Betty Jo Dean
Chief Executive Officer, AMHS-KFLA

"HART Hub Kingston represents an important opportunity to strengthen community-based care, and Peer Support South East Ontario is honoured to contribute our lived-experience expertise to this collaborative initiative. By working alongside AMHS-KFLA and other community partners, we can help create a more coordinated and compassionate system of care, expand access to support and foster lasting well-being across our region. We are proud to chart a course towards a healthier, stronger network of peer support – today and for years to come."

- Thomas Jones
Chief Executive Officer, Peer Support South East Ontario

"Kingston Health Sciences Centre is proud to be part of the collaborative planning process for the new Kingston HART Hub. Together with Addiction and Mental Health Services and our community partners, we are working to build an integrated model of care that supports people living with complex health and social needs. Through this collaboration process, KHSC is providing medical expertise and leadership support to help shape services that are responsive to the needs of our community. We are committed to working alongside our partners to ensure the HART Hub provides meaningful support for the people and communities we collectively serve. "

- Jason Hann
Executive Vice President, Patient Care and Chief Nursing Executive, Kingston Health Sciences Centre

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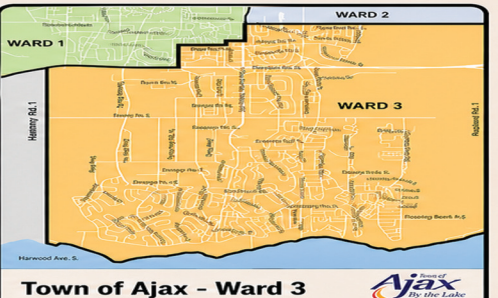
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