



## Exploring the Youth Hubs Model with Youth and Family Members: YOU ARE INVITED

The province of Ontario is committed to improving services for young people through integrated youth service hubs. These hubs will be places where young people aged 12-25 can receive walk-in, one stop access to mental health and addictions services, as well as other social and employment supports under one roof.<sup>1</sup>

We are hosting three service hub planning days with youth and family members<sup>2</sup> in Northern communities to help us learn more about:

- What types of services these hubs should offer;
- What the spaces should look like; and
- How we can support young people in accessing and benefiting from the hubs

We are inviting youth and families who live in Northern Ontario to attend one of the following events. We encourage you to register for the event nearest you.

### When:

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 9 am\* – 2:30 pm; Clarion Inn Lakeside, Kenora**

[Kenora: Register here](#)

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 9 am\* – 2:30 pm; Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel and Suites, Thunder Bay**

[Thunder Bay: Register here](#)

**Thursday, August 17, 2017, 9 am\* – 2:30 pm; Senator Hotel and Conference Centre Timmins, Timmins**

[Timmins: Register here](#)

\*Registration starts at 8:30 am.

### Who:

- **Youth<sup>3</sup> who have needed/ wanted and/or accessed mental health services**
- **Family members who have supported a young person with accessing services**

We're committed to engaging youth and families from diverse backgrounds and identities. We encourage you to participate if you identify with one or more of these groups: First Nations, Inuit or Métis; immigrant, refugee, ethnocultural or racialized communities; individuals facing poverty; LGBTQ+; people with physical impairments and/or mental health challenges.

Related travel expenses and accommodation (where applicable) will be covered. Family members and youth will receive an honorarium for their participation in the event.<sup>4</sup> Please note that there are a limited number of spots available. Registration will close on August 4, or once all available spots have been filled.

<sup>1</sup> <https://news.ontario.ca/mohltc/en/2017/02/ontario-providing-faster-access-to-mental-health-services-for-thousands-of-people.html>.

<sup>2</sup> Family is defined as a circle of care and support with an enduring commitment to care for one another related either biologically, legally, or emotionally and takes into account those whom the person with lived experience/client considers significant to his/her well-being.

<sup>3</sup> Youth of all ages are welcome to attend this event. Any youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or support person. The parent or support person should register and attend as a participant.

<sup>4</sup> Youth and families will receive an honorarium of \$170 for their participation, unless they are participating on behalf of an organization and already receiving payment for the day.