

Federal and Provincial Commitments (Investments and COVID-19 Response)

Federal Investments	
Timeline	Key Commitments
March 2020	\$7.5 million funding announced to improve access to mental health services: funding to recruit and train additional counsellors and volunteers at Kids Help Phone (children and youth- oriented funding)
April 2021	The 2021 Federal Budget, the government committed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, for the Public Health Agency of Canada to support projects for innovative mental health interventions for populations disproportionately impacted by COVID 19, including health care workers, front-line workers, youth, seniors, Indigenous people, and racialized and Black Canadians. ○ \$45 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, to Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to help develop national mental health service standards, in collaboration with provinces and territories, health organizations, and key stakeholders. ○ \$50 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, to Health Canada to support a trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) stream of mental health programming for populations at high risk of experiencing COVID-19 trauma and those exposed to various trauma brought about by COVID-19. ○ \$62 million, in 2021-22, to Health Canada for the Wellness Together Canada portal so that it can continue to provide Canadians with tools and services to support mental health and well-being. ○ The Public Health Agency of Canada is continuing to work with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and partners to implement and sustain an expanded pan-Canadian suicide prevention service to provide bilingual access to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, crisis support using the technology of their choice: voice, text, or online chat.
March 2022	\$3.5 million in funding announced to extend four safer supply pilot projects in Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria that will provide prescribed medications as an alternative to the toxic illegal drug supply as well as offer services that can help prevent overdoses and save lives.
April 2022	The 2022 Federal Budget committed support for mental health and substance use programming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$140 million, in 2022-23, to Health Canada for the Wellness Together Canada portal ○ \$100 million over three years, starting in 2022-23 to Health Canada for the Substance Use and Addictions Program that supports harm reduction, treatment and prevention at the community level ○ \$227.6 million over two years, starting in 2022-23 to maintain trauma-informed culturally appropriate, Indigenous-led services to improve mental wellness

Provincial Investments	
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March 2021	<p>Through the 2021 Budget, \$175 million has been committed for more mental health and addictions services and supports in 2021-2022. This investment also included \$10.5 million for the expansion of secure treatment services. For reference, under the Roadmap to Wellness, Ontario has announced an increase of \$525 million in annualized funding for mental health and addictions support since 2019-20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, in 2020-21 the province invested up to \$194 million in one-time emergency funding for mental health and addictions services, enabling Ontarians to access the services they need during these difficult times, including virtual supports which have been accessed by more than 75,000 Ontarians, including 32,900 who have accessed internet Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.
June 2021	<p>As part of the \$175 million commitment, the province announced \$31 million to help improve access to specialized mental health treatment services, reduce waitlists and wait times, and support the mental health and wellbeing of children and youth by addressing the increased demand for services during COVID-19.</p>
July 2021	<p>The Ontario government announced that it is investing \$32.7 million in new annualized funding for targeted addictions services and supports, including treatment for opioid addictions. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.25 million to support elements of the Toronto-based opioid response proposal by the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network to support the individual’s journey across the continuum of care, including: expanding the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinics; establishing addiction consultation services in acute care settings; and coordinating and integrating services between Toronto providers to make transitioning between supports easier for clients and improving continuity of care. • \$6.9 million in provincial opioid response investments including: adding harm reduction workers province-wide; expanding Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) clinics and establishing Acute Consultation Services in areas with high rates of opioid use. • Over \$18.8 million in bed-based investments for adults and youth who need intensive supports, including: adding 30 new youth treatment beds at Pine River Institute, a multidisciplinary program serving children and youth ages 13 to 19 with addictive behaviours and other mental health challenges; adding new adult addiction treatment beds; supporting existing bed-based treatment services including withdrawal management services at Bluewater Health and at Sault Area Hospital; and coordinating the transitions in care

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	<p>between service providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.5 million for the Breaking Free Online, an innovative therapy tool that makes it faster and easier for Ontarians to access safe and effective addictions supports.
<p>September 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ontario government announced an investment of \$4.2 million in additional funding annually to support the expansion of 30 new youth treatment beds (for youth ages 13-19) at Pine River Institute’s mental health and addiction treatment program for youth. This investment is expected to address demand for mental health and addictions supports and services for youth and families across Ontario. • The Ontario government also announced an investment of \$34.6 million to support upgrades and the addition of new facilities for the forensic mental health program at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).
<p>November 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ontario government announced \$5.8 million to expand specialized pediatric mental health and eating disorders services at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) including the expansion of outpatient programs to meet increased demand for mental health supports during the pandemic. . • In Brampton, the Ontario Government announced a \$12.4 million investment over two years to provide existing and expanded mental health and addictions supports for all frontline health care workers – a commitment made in the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review which includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$5.9 million for a suite of mental health and addictions services for frontline health care workers through a number of hospitals, including self-referral and intake services, weekly online peer discussion groups, and access to confidential support from a clinician. ○ \$1.9 million for increased access to clinical psychologists specializing in trauma, mood, and anxiety disorders and other psychological conditions through the COVID-19 Psychological Support program. ○ \$4.6 million for workplace mental health training to provide frontline health care workers and workplaces with the tools to foster mental wellness, including training for management and leadership, frontline health care workers and non-clinical staff. • \$2.9 million to enhance and expand the Substance Abuse Program for African and Caribbean Canadian Youth (SAPACCY) at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and seven new satellite locations across Ontario

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<p>December 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review:, the Ontario government invested \$8.1 million to address the increased demand for services to support specialized care for children and youth diagnosed with eating disorders including 14 additional inpatient surge beds as well as 10 additional day treatment spaces at the Hospital for Sick Children, McMaster Children’s Hospital, the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and the Children’s Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre • \$11.1 million in funding to support a wide range of specialized eating disorder services for children, youth, and adults, across the continuum of care which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$10.5 million to support specialized, intensive inpatient and day treatment services to fill major gaps in care for people with severe needs and for specialized outpatient services for people with moderate to severe needs in areas where there are long waitlists or no services available. ○ \$600,000 for the development and implementation of an early intervention program for eating disorders that meets the diverse needs of children, youth and young adults.
<p>February 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$90 million over three years as part of a new Addictions Recovery Fund to expand addictions services and increase the number of treatment beds across the province. The new Addictions Recovery Fund will support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 396 new addictions treatment beds for adults who require intensive supports; ○ Six new Youth Wellness Hubs offering developmentally tailored primary care and mental health and addictions treatment for youth ages 12 to 25; ○ Two new Mobile Mental Health Clinics in remote, rural and underserved communities; ○ Three new police-partnered Mobile Crisis Response Teams; and ○ Intensive treatment, mild to moderate intensive treatment, and after-care programs • An in-year (2021-22) investment of \$7.2 million is being made from the new \$90 million fund, and \$41.39 million in each of 2022-23 and 2023-24. This funding is in addition to the \$175 million Roadmap to Wellness investment announced in the 2021 Budget.
<p>March 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4 million over two years to expand Mobile Crisis Response Teams. Grant funding was provided to police services in 28 communities to increase their capacity to respond to calls from individuals experiencing a mental health or addictions crisis.