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About the Conference

Conference Theme

Making Healthy Communities Count

Conference Goal

To provide a forum for profiling the leading developments and topical issues facing public and community health across Ontario.

Conference Objectives

1. Explore the diversity of perspectives on the public health landscape across Ontario and beyond.
2. Build on our capacity as a strong, energized community and public health system.
3. Strengthen the interrelationships which empower individuals and communities in the public health network.

Conference Sub-Themes

- accountability/governance/performance management
- environment/climate change
- youth engagement
- poverty/health inequalities
- community capacity

Association of Local Public Health

Agencies (alPHa)

The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) is a non-profit organization that represents public health units and boards of health in Ontario. Through leadership, participation, partnership and promotion, alPHa facilitates the improvement of public health programs and services that better the health of Ontario's population. alPHa's members include board of health members, medical and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers. alPHa advises and lends expertise to members on the governance, administration, and management of health units. The Association also collaborates with government and other health organizations, advocating for a strong, effective and efficient public health system in Ontario.

Ontario Public Health Association

Mission Statement: The mission of the Ontario Public Health Association is to provide leadership on issues affecting the public's health and to strengthen the impact of people who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario.

The Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) is a unified, independent voice that engages governments, decision-makers, Public Health practitioners and all citizens committed to improving the health of Ontarians.

Through strategic collaborations with governments and partnerships with health units, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), addiction centres, academic institutions and community health centres, OPHA has succeeded in addressing and influencing the broader elements of health policy as well as a wide range of specific Public Health issues.

OPHA has served as a catalyst for strengthening Public Health —

preserving the environment, promoting health, reducing health disparities, preventing disease and injury — since 1949. By fostering relationships with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Ministry of Health and others, OPHA inspires governments and communities to manage Public Health challenges and initiatives with a steadfast focus on social responsibility.

OPHA promotes a broadly defined conception of Public Health and aims to lead health reform in Ontario by developing its capacity for policy analysis and advocacy with communities, politicians and other decision-makers committed to equity, social justice, inclusivity, diversity and the highest standards of openness and accountability.

OPHA maintains its influence at the policy-making table because of its uniquely interdisciplinary approach to Public Health. By leveraging the tools, perspectives and approaches of all Public Health disciplines, OPHA devises clear and consistent calls to action for governments and policy makers.

We Are

Trailblazers a bold and independent voice within the Public Health sector ensuring that the diverse interests and needs of all Ontarians are articulated and respected in the decision-making process.

Innovators out-of the box thinkers consistently generating new ideas and approaches.

Bridge-builders a critical link connecting Public Health professionals across geographical regions

Collaborators an inclusive and interdisciplinary organization that creates strategic partnerships to tackle competing Public Health

priorities.

Visionaries optimists and strategists working towards the eradication of preventable diseases, the preservation of the planet and creating healthy and thriving communities.

Niagara Region Public Health

Niagara Region Public Health is committed to the public health needs of our community. We demonstrate this commitment through health protection, disease prevention, health promotion and injury prevention programs.

We offer a complete range of public health programs to:

Promote:

- healthy child development and healthy parenting.
- positive mental, reproductive, sexual, dental, and heart health.
- early detection of cancer.

Prevent:

- substance abuse and tobacco use.
- chronic diseases.
- infectious diseases through clinical services such as immunization and sexual health counselling.

Protect:

- our communities from communicable and infectious diseases and environmental hazards in food, water, air, and soil.
- from emergency situations by preparing for, responding to, and recovering.

Through our team of skilled health professionals, we work closely with our community to build capacity to improve the social and physical environments where we live, learn, work, and play so

residents can reach their full health potential.



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