

BACKGROUND

NEW AGING AT HOME STRATEGY INITIATIVES FOR SENIORS IN HNHB LHIN

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The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) has recently received funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for more than 30 seniors' health service proposals under the Aging at Home Strategy – a four-year, \$1.1 billion initiative designed to help seniors live healthy, independent lives in the comfort and dignity of their own homes.

These first-year initiatives will provide health care services for local seniors and their caregivers. The proposals were submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by each of the 14 LHINs after community consultations with diverse service providers.

AGING AT HOME STRATEGY APPROVED PROJECTS FOR HNHB LHIN

Project Title	Service Provider Name	Program Description	Total 08/09 Funding
Goldies Place Adult Day Program	Hamilton Jewish Home for the Aged - Shalom Village	The staff complement in the adult day program will be enhanced to meet the needs of clients with more complex needs and expand the program from 4 to 5 days.	\$91,830
Meadowlands (Special Needs) Adult Day Service	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada	A new 5-day dementia adult day program in the West Hamilton Mountain area in partnership with Macassa Lodge (City of Hamilton)	\$197,709
Kiwanis Adult Day Program Expansion	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club - Adult Day Program	The current adult day program will be expanded from 4 to 5 days a week to reduce wait lists and wait times for frail seniors with a progressive cognitive disorder, and enhance respite for caregivers at home.	\$37,372
Enhanced Adult Day Service - Port Colborne	Regional Municipality of Niagara	An adult day program for clients with high needs will expand both weekday hours and days of week service to 6 (Saturday) to meet the needs of working caregivers in Port Colborne.	\$102,336
Adult Day Service & Caregiver Information and Support	Haldimand-Norfolk Community Senior Support Services Inc.	Three existing adult day programs for frail seniors and seniors with dementia will be expanded each by 1 day of service in Caledonia, Dunnville and Simcoe. A new caregiver initiative and case finding for early intervention will be implemented.	\$81,311
Macassa Lodge Specialized Weekend ADP	Macassa Lodge Adult Day Program	The existing one day (Friday) dementia adult day program on Hamilton Mountain will be expanded to include Saturday and Sunday services (full weekend services) .	\$86,389

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Day Program for Person with Early Stage Dementia	John Noble Centre Day and Stay Program	A day program for persons with early onset dementia will be implemented (2-day/week program)	\$19,749
The Powerhouse Project for Young Carers	Alzheimer Society of Haldimand-Norfolk (The)	Support for young people/caregivers living with and supporting aging adults with chronic disease/conditions will be implemented to sustain healthy young carers, and supportive families in Port Colborne at Port Cares and Hagersville.	\$312,261
Enhanced Respite Companion Program	Regional Municipality of Niagara	Resources will sustain in-home companionship and meaningful activity for clients with dementia and related disorders, and respite for caregivers in under serviced communities in South Niagara.	\$199,810
Expansion of the Overnight weekend Program	John Noble Centre Day and Stay Program	An existing bi-weekly weekend overnight stay program for adults with Alzheimer's and dementia will be expanded to every weekend.	\$41,605
Specialized Respite Care	Participation House Brantford	Three new respite beds to accommodate overnight care for aging individuals with a physical and/or cognitive disability who are living at home or persons with a physical and/or cognitive disability who are living with an aging caregiver.	\$388,990
Community Overnight Respite Model as an Alternative to LTC facility respite	VON Hamilton	Overnight respite care (4 beds) will be expanded from 1 night/week to 7 nights/week for people living with late stage Alzheimer's and other dementias.	\$268,838
Manager of Volunteer Resources & Agency Promotions	Glanbrook Home Support Programme	Enhancement of an existing program with the addition of a Manager of Volunteer Resources and Agency Promotions.	\$60,087
Specialized Geriatric Services: A Model for Collaborative Care in Seating and Mobility	HAMILTON St Peter's	A visiting seating and mobility service (assessment and re-evaluation) will be implemented for clients of seven adult day programs in Hamilton.	\$194,180
Friendly Calling Program	Dundas Community Services	An existing telephone reassurance service will be expanded; persons with a developmental disability in the Community Living sector will make the calls to isolated seniors, linking meaningful activity with safety and security of respective clients.	\$93,961
Homemaking Service	Community Support Services of Niagara Region	Homemaking services will be expanded to assist clients and caregivers with routine household duties; a small subsidy will be offered to low-income clients.	\$150,336

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Haldimand Abilities Centre	Alzheimer Society of Haldimand-Norfolk (The)	A partnership between the Alzheimer's Society, the CNIB, Brain Injury Services, and the Haldimand Community Support Centre to provide transportation for clients to programs and services and establish the 'Haldimand Abilities Centre' in Hagersville for specialized community support services, outreach to vulnerable people age-related disabilities, and cross sector training for enhanced community capacity for seniors health.	\$493,346
Red Cross Life Enrichment Program	Canadian Red Cross Society Ontario Zone (The) - Niagara Five Branches	Social, recreational and well being programming will be provided to reclusive low income seniors within a Kiwanis Senior's complex and to seniors in eight nearby apartment buildings (527 units).	\$54,536
Expansion of Hearing Care Counselling Program & General Support Services	Canadian Hearing Society (The) Hamilton	Hearing care counselling (outreach program) and general support service programs will be expanded for people who are culturally deaf, oral deaf, hard of hearing and deafened; supports available in either a spoken language or sign language.	\$371,647
Elders are our Gifts	Six Nations of the Grand River	Initiative has three components: in-home physiotherapy services for seniors with chronic needs; social services to support seniors and caregivers in emerging abuse related situations; and, operating funding (driver) for client transportation to medical and related appointments.	\$104,808
VON Gatekeepers Program	VON Hamilton	A part-time coordinator to help sustain and expand the Gatekeepers program in Niagara across the HNHB LHIN area, and train and support community volunteers (bank tellers, postal workers, meter readers, retail staff) to identify socially-isolated and vulnerable seniors in the community.	\$36,465
First Link for Persons with Dementia and their Care	Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton	Coordinators and counsellors will work directly with families and referring sources (e.g. family physicians, CCAC and geriatricians) and the four Alzheimer's Societies to link persons with dementia to their programs. Emphasis is placed on screening for early recognition and referral.	\$439,287
Transitional Care Team for Frail Seniors Project	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre	The HNHB CCAC, Geriatric Medicine McMaster Health Care Centre, Alzheimer's Society of Hamilton and Halton, and Geriatric Assessment Integration Network (GAIN) collaboration will launch a three-year Transitional Care Team demonstration project for frail seniors; activities will focus on client and caregiver education, self management skills, and care coordination (for to up to 3 months post discharge) in collaboration with the health care team while the senior is in hospital.	\$473,333
Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner (APN)	Regional Municipality of Niagara	1. An additional Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) to work with 2 existing APNs in 31 LTC homes in Niagara to help prevent avoidable emergency department and inpatient admissions and to expedite discharge back to LTC after acute hospitalization. 2. Extend regular APN services to weekends.	\$86,831

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Home to Stay in Niagara, Haldimand-Norfolk and Burlington	Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Community Care Access Centre	A coordinated Home to Stay Program initiated in Haldimand-Norfolk, Niagara and Burlington. The Home to Stay Program provides a single point of entry and common assessment process to provide frail seniors with a coordinated mix of community and professional services for up to one month. Eligible seniors are those at risk for hospitalization due to exacerbation of existing conditions and are unable to remain at home without additional support, and seniors who could be discharged from hospital to home if an appropriate level of care was available. For residents in Burlington a wheelchair accessible van will be available to transport seniors home from hospital and to follow up medical tests and appointments.	\$610,692
ICM Instrumental Supports	Wellington Psychiatric Outreach Program	The initiative links young people and seniors, both with mental health challenges, with young persons providing assistance with activities of daily living to seniors. Partners include the Wellington Psychiatric Outreach Program; ▪ Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch; ▪ Hamilton Program for Schizophrenia; ▪ Community Mental Health Promotion Program, Community Programs Branch, Public Health & Community Services Department, City of Hamilton.	\$104,939
Gatekeepers	Catholic Family Services of Hamilton	Two additional case coordinators to find potential clients (people with obsessive hoarding behaviour) through volunteer 'gatekeepers' in the community and assess needs and referral options.	\$115,187
Implementation of HHNB LHIN - Wide Community Based Aphasia Services	Adult Recreation Therapy	Sustain and expand community-based aphasia programs for people post discharge from hospital and outpatient treatment across the LHIN. Collaboration among the Niagara Aphasia Centre, the adult day programs Seniors Activation Maintenance (SAM) Program in Hamilton and the Adult Recreation Therapy Centre (ARTC) program in Brantford and the Halton Aphasia Centre will avoid service duplication and facilitate equitable access to services.	\$411,633
Neighbour Model for Seniors at Risk	Catholic Family Services of Hamilton	A basket of services - case management, personal support and homemaking - for 670 seniors currently living in supportive housing units and other seniors in the immediate area who are not eligible for these services under CCAC guidelines.	\$508,966
Transportation	Canadian Red Cross Society Ontario Zone (The) - Niagara Five Branches	Two vans and drivers to provide transportation for residents of Fort Erie and Port Cares, through a partnership between Canadian Red Cross and Port Cares.	\$182,875
Koo gaa da win Manitou (Sheltering the Spirit)	De dwa da dehs nye's Aboriginal Health Centre - Lead Agency is Urban Native Homes	This initiative will a) increase support to homeless seniors as they transition to supportive housing, b) support a six passenger wheelchair van and driver to get seniors to medical and related appointments, c) modified supports and appliances and d) security monitoring system.	\$276,200
Wheels for Seniors	De dwa da dehs nye's Aboriginal Health Centre	This initiative will implement a transportation service for urban and rural Aboriginal seniors living off-reserve. It will increase their access to culturally appropriate health programs and services. Transportation is not a component of the program funded by the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness strategy.	\$101,715

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Overnight Respite (\$ not covered by EDAP)	Regional Municipality of Niagara	Overnight respite care for caregivers of persons with dementia and related disorders will be sustained at the T. Roy Adams Regional Centre for Dementia Care.	\$19,354
TOTAL FUNDING			\$6,718,578

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