

## Children's Mental Health Ontario

### 2007-2008 Funding Requirements - \$40 million

- (A) One third of funding to serve more children and youth.
- Immediately serve 2,000 more children and youth. For an investment of \$5,000,000 we will fund 100 permanent child and youth workers at \$50,000 each, serving an average caseload of 20.
  - Provide children and youth with a stable system of mental health services through an expansion of short term crisis and respite services, increasing funds for the deep end of the system and those most in need.

These funding priorities are in keeping with Goals 2 & 3 of *A Shared Responsibility: Ontario's Policy Framework for Child and Youth Mental Health*:

2. Children, youth and their families/caregivers have access to a flexible continuum of timely and appropriate services and supports within their own cultural, environmental and community context.
3. Optimal mental health and well-being of children and youth is promoted through an enhanced understanding of, and ability to respond to, child and youth mental health needs through the provision of effective services and supports.

- (B) One third funding for prevention and early intervention initiative
- Expand parent and family support services and materials, improve access to services in every culture and community.

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3. Optimal mental health and well-being of children and youth is promoted through an enhanced understanding of, and ability to respond to, child and youth mental health needs through the provision of effective services and supports.

- (C) One third of funding to provide children and youth with a more stable system of mental health services
- Provide stability to the current system by retaining staff and existing services.

This funding priority is in keeping with Goal 4 of *A Shared Responsibility: Ontario's Policy Framework for Child and Youth Mental Health*:

4. A child and youth mental health sector that is accountable and well managed.

### 2008-2009 Funding Requirements - \$30 million

- Increase services for those most in need in the "deep end" of the system.
- Increase funding for materials for prevention and awareness.
- Increase funding for the Brief Child and Family Phone Interview to allow for more rigorous data collection.
- Stabilize system through funding to retain staff and existing services.