

Protect Portuguese and Spanish-language Mental Health Services

À ASSEMBLÉIA LEGISLATIVA DE ONTÁRIO:

WHEREAS two vital community mental health clinics serving the Portuguese and Spanish-speaking communities in Toronto have effectively closed their doors, leaving local organizations with nowhere to refer people for guaranteed support in their first language; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an increase in demand for mental health services; and

WHEREAS it is essential that people are able to communicate with mental health care providers in their first language;

THEREFORE WE, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to call on the Minister of Health to ensure:

- That culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health and addictions programs at the University Health Network are restored;
- That provincial funding for these programs are being used as intended; and
- That Ontario's approach to funding mental health and addictions services meets the needs of its diverse population.

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Send completed petitions to: Marit Stiles, MPP for Davenport - Rm 157, Main Legislative Bldg., Queen's Park, 111 Wellesley St. Toronto, ON M7A 1A2