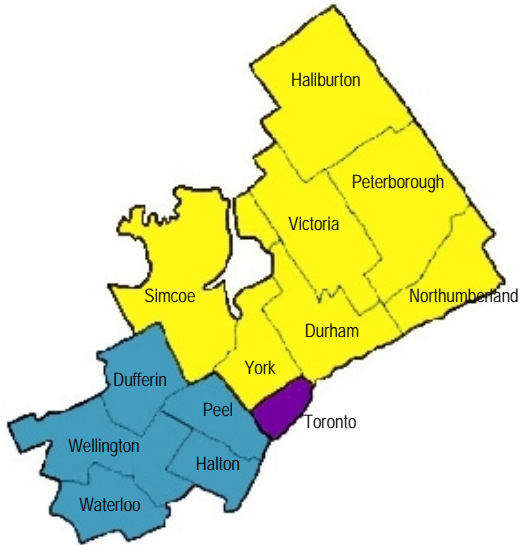


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CENTRAL EAST SITES

Aurora
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Whitby

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Oakville

Fergus
Mississauga
Orangeville

TORONTO SITES

CAMH
Surrey Place

KPAS

Wondering how you can take advantage of this great resource?

Do you support an individual with an upcoming appointment that requires stressful travel?

Is the best consultant located many miles or hours away?

Looking for professional development in a particular topic?

Do you want to spend less time on the highway and more time on the things that matter?

FIND OUT HOW BY CONTACTING

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Videoconferencing in Central Region



Welcome to evolving technology

Videoconferencing is a useful tool that allows people to connect together without requiring all those involved to be in the same room. Health care, counseling and assessment, education and training, court appearances, professional development, administrative meetings and family visits are just some of the uses of this exciting technology.

BACKGROUND

In an effort to support the delivery of specialized clinical services the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) sponsored two very successful pilot projects in 2005. Regional Support Association (RSA) and Surrey Place Centre were the agencies involved in creating the foundation for the Provincial Videoconferencing Initiative.

Due to the tremendous success of the pilot projects, MCSS decided to further invest in this initiative by expanding the project. In order to maximize the delivery of clinical services, it was determined that the initiative would be developed through the Community Networks of Specialized Care. This has led to the formation of over 70 MCSS Videoconferencing sites across the province, which are connected through the Ontario Telemedicine Network, the largest telemedicine network in Canada.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS

- Reduces the professional development isolation experienced by professionals in rural and remote settings
- Makes education more accessible for everyone across the province.
- Access current and relevant knowledge shared by some of the world experts in their fields.
- Education includes specialized dual diagnosis topics as well as broader learning opportunities in health, developmental services and organizational development.

BENEFITS IN SERVICE DELIVERY

- Reduction in time, cost and risk of travel for individuals, families, support staff and care providers, in turn minimizing the disruption of their daily lives
- Access to specialized services that may have previously been unworkable because of distance, now becomes possible.
- Enables the inclusion of family and clinical supports, wherever they may be.
- It facilitates improved coordination and continuity of care across the health care, social services, developmental services and justice systems.
- In an era where many have grown up with computers, televisions and video games, meeting by videoconference can be a very comfortable way of meeting for some who may otherwise be anxious about “*in person*” appointments.