

Ontario's not-for-profit home care and community support service providers ready to work with new government to strengthen the health care system for the future.

Toronto June 8, 2018 – The Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA) and its members look forward to working with the new provincial government to improve the province's health-care system. Home and community care is a vital part of the solution to hospital overcrowding and the sustainability of the healthcare system.

"We congratulate Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservative Party today," said Deborah Simon, CEO of OCSA. "We look forward to building a strong collaborative relationship in order to leverage the home and community care sector as part of an effective solution to hallway medicine."

OCSA also congratulates Andrea Horwath and the New Democratic Party. OCSA and our members look forward to continuing to work the NDP to strengthen access to health care services across the province. We want to thank Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals for their service and dedication to the province.

OCSA and its members want to thank all of the candidates who put their name forward and for their dedication to improving our province.

During the provincial campaign, OCSA highlighted three key recommendations that would enhance the cost-effective impacts home and community care agencies bring to the health care system. The three recommendations outlined in [Better at Home 3 Ways to Improve Home and Community Care in Ontario](#) are:

- Increase and improve services to meet growing client need;
- Stabilize and strengthen the home and community care workforce; and
- Strengthen not-for-profit community agencies.

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About OCSA

Across the province each year, over one million people receive home care and community support services – and the need is growing. OCSA represents nearly 300 not-for-profit organizations. Their compassionate, cost-effective services help Ontarians live independently and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, emergency room visits and premature institutionalization. For more information, visit www.ocsa.on.ca.