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Bridgepoint Family Health Team Opens its Doors Thousands in the Riverdale Community to Access Services

Toronto, ON - The Bridgepoint Family Health Team is now open and serving patients in the Riverdale Community of Toronto.

Funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and affiliated with the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, the Bridgepoint Family Health Team will provide top quality primary care to 5,000 patients in its first year of operations.

“Family Health Teams are the next evolution in primary health care services and are strengthening the way health is being delivered right across the province,” said George Smitherman. “It means health care providers are working together to provide healthy living to people in their communities.”

The Bridgepoint FHT will operate with an innovative service delivery model that enables patients to become full partners in their care. Services will be provided by a team comprised of a Nurse Practitioner, Social Worker, Dietitian, Pharmacist, Registered Nurse and Physicians who will provide patients with:

- Comprehensive Family Medicine services
- Health promotion services
- Focused care for patients living with Complex Chronic Disease

The Bridgepoint Family Health Team is one of 150 announced by the McGuinty government since April 2005. Family Health Teams are designed around the needs of each community. Family Health Teams are a key component of the government’s plan to build a health care system that keeps Ontarians healthy, reduces wait times and provides better access to doctors and nurses.

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