





Quality improvement capacity building in community mental health and addiction agencies in Ontario, Canada: The Excellence through Quality Improvement Project (E-QIP)

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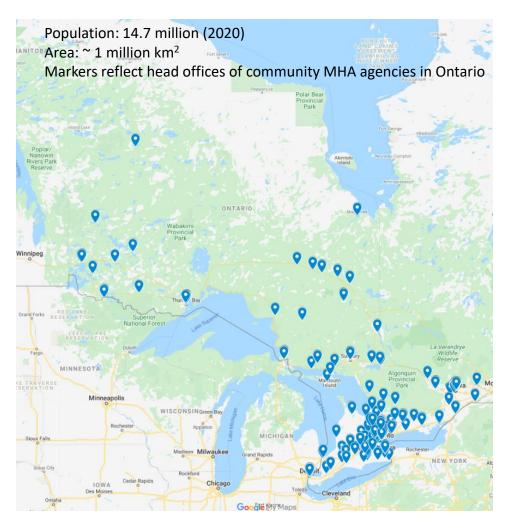
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Community Mental Health and Addiction Care in Ontario, Canada

- The sector is made up of a number of agencies ranging in size and services delivered.
- While QI is often not a core function of community agencies, providers are dedicated to delivering high quality services.
- There are almost no mandated data collection tools in the sector; community agencies are committed to high quality, comparable data.





The Excellence through Quality Improvement Project (E-QIP) is...

- A program that provides leadership and capacity building in quality improvement, measurement and use of data for decision-making
- A trusted liaison between the community sector, provincial government, and health system planners
- A lever to operationalize Ontario's plan to improve mental health and addiction services for communities across Ontario



Excellence through Quality Improvement Program

Community-focused. Data-driven.

The Link Between System Goals and Local Quality Improvement





E-QIP Approach

Intensive Quality
Improvement
Coaching

Guided Communities of Practice

In-Person & Virtual Education and Resources

Governance and Leadership Training



Ontario Perception of Care Tool for Mental Health and Addictions (OPOC-MHA)

What?

- Standardized, validated family of tools
- Ask about care experience in relation to what is expected as standard, quality care
- Implemented by more than 240 agencies across Ontario
- Centralized database and reporting portal

Why?

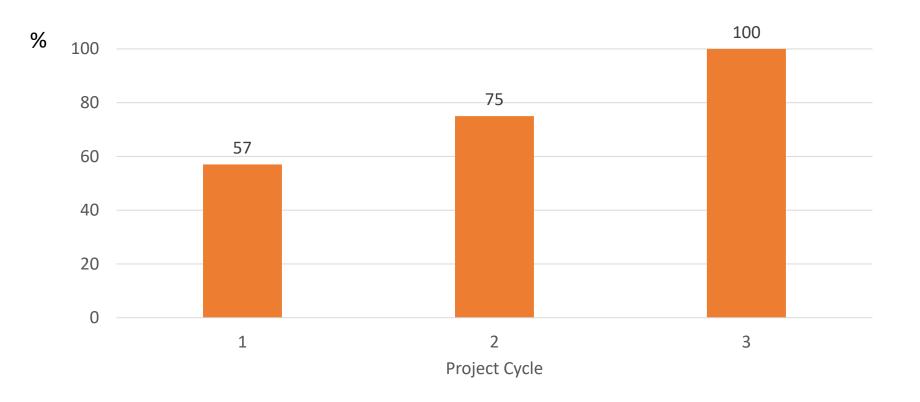
- Empower service users
- Capture information on quality improvement indicators
- Contribute to program and system level quality improvement
- Use of data to support decisionmaking

http://improvingsystems.ca/projects/ontario-perception-of-care



Percent of Cohort Teams Achieving Milestones

The end goal of E-QIP cohort coaching is for agency teams to develop a QI project and begin testing change ideas.





E-QIP Results: Apr 2020 – Mar 2021

- More than 70 unique community agencies engaged through coaching, communities of practice and governance and leadership training
- 39 agencies prepared and shared quality improvement plans
- Almost 300 people registered to complete an ondemand, e-learning "Foundations to QI" course
- More than 600 people registered for E-QIP's virtual QI Innovations conference for community MHA agencies



E-QIP 2021-2022

Primary objectives of the next phase of work:

- 1. Increased QI adoption, culture and capacity
- 2. Increased uptake of standardized tools and datasets and use of data for decision-making and planning
- 3. Identification and development of QI indicators for the community MHA sector aligned to provincial priorities and embedded within a provincial performance framework





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