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Black Creek Community Health Centre works with Addictions Services of York Region to expand programs for pregnant women and mothers within the Central LHIN

(July 25, 2018, Toronto, ON) - Black Creek Community Health Centre (BCCHC) confirmed today that funding for the Bridges to Moms (BTM) and Moms and Kids Too (MK2) program will be re-allocated, effective August 1st, 2018, from Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to Addiction Services of York Region (ASYR).

Black Creek Community Health Centre is proud of the important work and support *Bridges to Moms* and *Moms and Kids Too* has offered to moms and families when we began this initiative in 2013. Black Creek CHC and ASYR have worked collaboratively over the years and want to ensure a seamless transition for these clients.

While we continue to expand our core activities to better serve the health care needs of local residents, transitioning the funding to ASYR at this juncture makes sense given their expertise in this service area. This new phase in *addictions services for pregnant and parenting women* will not only allow vulnerable populations in the northwest areas of Toronto to benefit, but moms and families across Central LHIN region will now have increased access to these specialized programs.

We thank all our valued clients, staff, partners and community members for their efforts and understanding during this transition. Should you have additional concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

About the transition:

Currently, BCCHC partners with ASYR to deliver the *Bridges to Moms* and *Moms and Kids Too*. The *Bridges to Moms* program provides counselling and case management support to women who are pregnant and/or have children under the age of six years and are at risk of substance abuse. Services provided include: assessment and referral, counselling, child development supports, education and consultation on the issues of substance use and pregnancy and parenting, and assistance with child welfare issues. The *Moms and Kids Too* program is a substance-use day treatment program which is offered in multiple sites across the Central LHIN. This program has served women in North York and Northern York Region.

Because of this transition, ASYR will grow its *Umbrellas* programs to expand and enhance services to existing clients and be able to offer services to more eligible clients across the Central LHIN, including the northern parts of Toronto.

The reallocation of these funds will allow Black Creek CHC to enhance its operational capacity to deliver high quality primary care. This includes innovative new models of delivery such as inter-professional care teams to improve access to a wide range of services such as physiotherapy, chronic disease management and mental health supports.

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