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### Information

The Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) is a voluntary, charitable, non-profit association. OPHA is an organization of individuals and Constituent Societies<sup>i</sup> from various sectors and disciplines that have an interest in improving the health of the people of Ontario.

The mission of the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) is to provide leadership on issues affecting the public's health and to strengthen the impact of people who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario.

OPHA provides education opportunities and up-to-date information in community and public health; access to local, provincial and multi-disciplinary community health networks; mechanisms to seek and discuss issues and views of members; issue identification and advocacy on behalf of members; and expertise and consultation in public and community health.

OPHA seeks to be an independent voice for a broadly defined conception of public health – a dynamic organization that promotes:

- equity
- social justice
- inclusivity and diversity
  - fostering active and mutually rewarding partnerships
  - volunteerism and valuing volunteer contributions
  - recognition of public health as an integral part of a publicly funded Canadian and Ontario health system

OPHA is committed to the highest ethics and professional standard of openness, responsibility and accountability in the conduct of its organizational affairs.

alPHa and OPHA continue to partner on advocacy issues for a strengthened provincial public health system.

OPHEA Healthy Schools Healthy Communities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup>Ontario Association of Public Health Nursing Leaders (OPHNL)

Association of Ontario Public Health Centers (AOHC)

Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario (APHEO)

Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario (ASPHI-O)

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Ontario Branch) (CIPHI – O)

Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (CHNIG, RNAO)

Health Promotion Ontario (HPO)

Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry (OAPHD)

Ontario Society of Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH)

Ontario Society of Physical Activity Promoters in Public Health (OSPAPPH)