

Our structure

Two EPION members co-chair and lead the network and work closely with coordinators and working group chairs.

The working groups include:

- Community of Interest (CoI)
- Knowledge Exchange Event Planning
- Metabolic Monitoring
- Research
- Standards Implementation Steering Committee (SISC).

The Provincial System Support Program (PSSP) at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) leverages its provincial structure to support EPION's mandate. PSSP provides project management, knowledge exchange, implementation, and evaluation expertise to the network.

EPION is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Our membership

EPION BRINGS TOGETHER:

- ✓ 50+ programs and satellite partners that provide EPI services across Ontario
- ✓ Social workers, nurses, occupational therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, program managers, peer support workers and others who work within EPI services
- ✓ Individuals who receive services through EPI
- ✓ Family members and caregivers connected to an EPI program.

There are many ways to become involved in EPION, including joining an EPION working group, volunteering at an event, or attending network meetings.

BENEFITS TO JOINING EPION INCLUDE:

- ✓ Participation in the network;
- ✓ Sharing of knowledge and expertise;
- ✓ Voting at network meetings;
- ✓ Serving on working groups/committees; and
- ✓ Contributing your ideas and making a difference

For more information about EPI service providers or EPION memberships please visit our website.

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What is EPION?

EPION is a network of people who work in early psychosis intervention (EPI) services in Ontario, individuals who have received EPI services, and their family members and caregivers.

GOAL:

To support the development and implementation of effective treatment and support systems for people in the early stages of psychosis.

FOCUS:

To bring the benefits of early treatment to all those who are 14-35 years old and living with psychosis in Ontario, and to bring support to their families.



What we do

We help strengthen early intervention services across Ontario and support the implementation of the MOHLTC's Early Psychosis Intervention Program Standards, released in May 2011.

SOME OF OUR FUNCTIONS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Connecting EPI programs and their clinicians, researchers, physicians, and managers with each other;
- ✓ Facilitating collaboration and mentoring among EPI sites to respond to staff learning and training needs;
- ✓ Providing a forum for families, clinicians, people who have used EPI services, and funders to work together to implement high-quality services; and
- ✓ Providing practical supports and resources and sharing expertise to help early intervention providers improve their practices.

WE ALSO DEVELOP RESOURCES HIGHLIGHTING:

- ✓ How to help a loved one experiencing early psychosis;
- ✓ Where to get help; and
- ✓ Tools and resources designed for use in primary care settings and schools.

OUR MISSION:

To promote rapid psychosis detection and access to care, to advance early psychosis intervention through research and knowledge exchange, and to implement and advance standards of care for early psychosis intervention.

OUR VISION:

To build and support a network of provincial leaders that advances knowledge, provides advocacy, promotes quality evidence-based care and support for people and families living with early psychosis.

**Psychosis can be treated,
early detection helps,
and recovery is expected.**

