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# The Ongoing Transformation of Developmental Services in Ontario

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# Ontario's Developmental Services Sector

- Nearly 67,000 adults with a developmental disability in Ontario.
  - Needs and touch points in the DS sector vary greatly.
- Approximately 370 community agencies deliver a range of services and supports
- MCSS works with partner ministries to improve coordination of cross-ministry services such employment supports, housing, transition planning and appropriate care settings.
- Substantial change has taken place over a relatively short period of time.

# Our Transformation Journey



## Institutional Care:

- \* Large congregate care
- \* Isolated from the community
- \* Many facilities government-run

1876: First provincially-run facility opens, Orillia

1967: More than 10,000 live in provincially-run facilities



## Community Living Movement (1960s, 70s):

Advocates that people with disabilities have a right to live and participate in their community

1977: Government begins closing directly-operated institutions

2009: Last three government-run institutions closed

**2004:**

Government commits to transforming developmental services



**2006:**

**Opportunities and Action** lays out the key elements of a transformed DS system

## Key Elements of a Transformed System\*

- \* Supports for Individuals and Families
- \* Support for social inclusion
- \* Expanded respite for caregivers
- \* Residential support partnerships with families
- \* Support for critical life transitions
- \* Supports for people with specialized needs
- \* Quality supports and services

*System Transformation*  
Independent planning  
Standardized eligibility and assessments  
Streamlined access  
New funding approaches



## Where we are today

- Reaching thousands more
- Strengthening families
- Promoting community inclusion
- Facilitating meaningful lives
- Strengthening critical services
- Increasing capacity



# Trends



Increased collaboration and partnerships

Government Leadership on Social Issues

More clients with complex needs

Support poverty reduction, social inclusion & better health outcomes

Support for seamless transitions

Increased public attention

Improved accountability

Changing Ontario-Indigenous landscape

# Person-Centred Approaches



# DS System for Tomorrow

- Build a more inclusive Ontario where people with developmental disabilities live as independently as possible and are fully included in their communities.
- Promote opportunities for competitive employment.
- Promote broader participation in our communities.
- Provide better care for those with complex needs.
- Find more effective ways to respond to – and prevent – urgent situations.
- Modernize our approaches to service delivery.

