

WILL THE NDP DELIVER FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS?

People living with HIV and AIDS in Ontario need a government that responds with urgency, compassion and innovation. AIDS activists have urged Ontario's Health Minister to act quickly on the following issues to save lives. After seven months of NDP government, we have yet to see any new initiatives.

We ask all NDP members to support party policies and demand government action to deliver the health care that people living with AIDS and HIV need.

1) Implement Anonymous HIV Testing

Fear of discrimination keeps people away from HIV testing, and thus away from early treatment and counselling to change risky behaviour. Anonymous testing saves lives!

2) Fund HIV Drugs and Treatments

Everyone should have access to treatment, regardless of income. The government should provide full funding for all HIV treatments with a "condition specific" policy.

3) Increase Representation on Policy Bodies

The voices and interests of people living with HIV and AIDS must be an integral part of the policy process.

4) Provide Support for Experimental Treatments

Authorized experimental treatment facilities would bring Ontario up to world class standard in treating HIV.

5) Support and Educate Primary Care Physicians

HIV primary care requires adequate compensation, improved training and support programs.

6) Establish Optimal Standards of Care

People with HIV need informed, up-to-date high quality care from every component of the health care system.

7) Review and Co-ordinate Health Care Services

Home care, HIV clinics and other services should be evaluated and new models developed to deliver comprehensive and innovative care based on real needs. The needs of neglected groups - such as women, minorities, IV drug users - especially need to be addressed.

8) Enhance Community Based Programs

Community based programs provide crucial services and should be properly co-ordinated and funded.

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