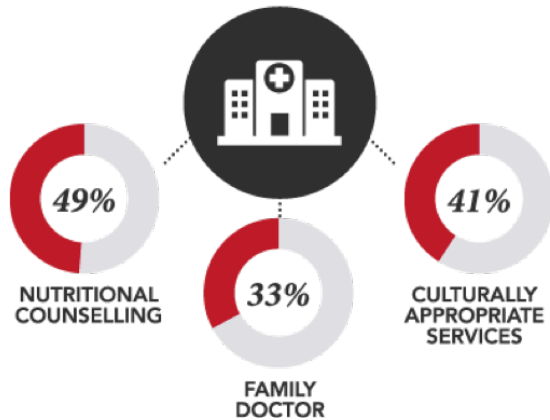


Unmet Health Needs



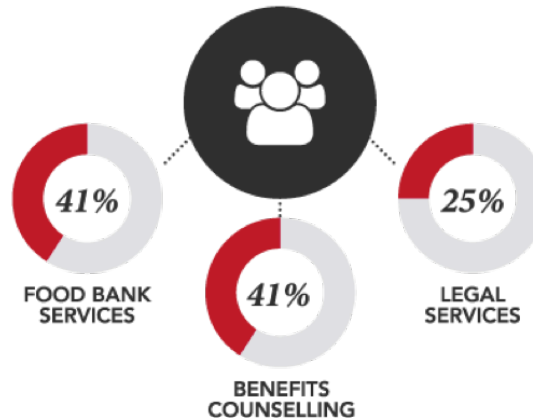
Support Services:

Oahas staff are not therapists. They will provide or support you to access:

- Cultural connections (ceremony, Elders, medicines)
- Pre & Post Test Counselling
- Information and Referral
- Service Navigation
- Linkages to Treatment & Care (including doctors & specialists)
- Harm Reduction supplies
- Internal (Female) Condoms
- Housing Continuum
- Translation and interpretation
- Soup-lines, food-banks, clothing depots, Community Start-up, ID
- Crisis Intervention (Partner Abuse)
- Medical travel
- Other services as identified

Data based on "The Current State of the HIV Epidemic among Indigenous People in Ontario", May 2014" and "Indigenous People and HIV in Ontario, An Overview", May 2015 developed by the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN).

Unmet Social Services Needs



Community Development:

Colonization remains a reality which often blocks Aboriginal people from accessing Care, Treatment and Support. Our staff strives to:

- Provide preventive education
- Promote testing
- Partner with programs & services
- Serve on advisories & other groups
- Participate in OCAP research
- Network: supports & allies
- Workshops & Training on:
 - Colonization
 - AIDS 101, 201
 - Pep & Prep
 - Two-spirit & Identity
 - Teaching: Non-Interference
 - Cultural Sensitization
 - Specialized workshops

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Why an Aboriginal strategy?

Since 1995, the Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Strategy has consistently evolved to respond to the changing epidemic within the Aboriginal population of Ontario. While we may share common issues and factors related to the disease with the mainstream, Aboriginal differences in history, worldview, methods, approach, culture and tradition, etc. must be respected. Oahas is an important partner and resource to AIDS service and other agencies currently or wishing to serve Aboriginal, Two-spirit and Aboriginal People living with HIV/AIDS (APHA) individuals.

GIPA and MEPA

The Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA) was formally recognized at the 1994 Paris AIDS Summit. Oahas has moved beyond a seat with no voice. We operate so as to ensure voice and active engagement on our board, hired staff, and throughout the steps involved within program development, implementation & evaluation. This is the Meaningful Engagement of APHAs (MEPA).

The Teaching of Non-Interference

Oahas' programs and services are client-centered and asset-based. We accept people where they are at and honour the skills, lived experience and rights of individuals to choose their path. We offer tools and preventive education to reduce the risk to self and others, but we acknowledge that every individual has gifts and the right to human dignity.

Statistics

Indigenous people already in clinical care. About 33% of new Indigenous are due to substance use.

Modes of Transmission:

Women: 59% (sex with men), 35% IDU, 40% of new Indigenous infections are amongst our women.

Men: 16% (sex with women), 20% (sex with men & IDU), 28% (sex with men), 32% (IDU only)

Trans: 12% Indigenous people accessing services via Indigenous HIV agencies were trans

Two-spirit: the term Two-spirit is not yet used consistently on data collection tools

SUBSTANCE USE TRENDS:

Almost 25% of new infections in youth (under 30yrs old)



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Note: Ottawa has a worker with an Inuit focus; all sites accept collect calls from prisons.

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