

Ontario Health Teams: Providing Connected Care for Francophones in South Simcoe



The *People's Health Care Act, 2019* states “the public health care system should recognize the diversity within all of Ontario’s communities and respect the requirements of the *French Language Services Act* in the planning, design, delivery and evaluation of health care services for Ontario’s French-speaking communities.”

Integrating French Language Health Services into your Ontario Health Team

Entité 4 can support your efforts to engage with the Francophone community.

What do you need to know about the Francophone community in South Simcoe?

The rich diversity in the Francophone populations served by Entité 4 translates into complex and varied health needs.

Growing Francophone communities within the Greater Toronto Area include diverse ethnic communities and newcomers to Canada while one of the oldest Francophone communities in Canada can be found in North Simcoe. Entité 4 can provide expertise and meaningful data on the socio-demographic profile of your francophone community.

1,430 = 1.78%

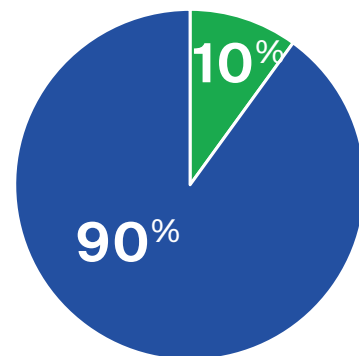
FRANCOPHONES LIVE IN SOUTH SIMCOE¹ OF THE POPULATION



1. All statistics from the 2016 Census according to the 2009 Inclusive Definition of Francophone

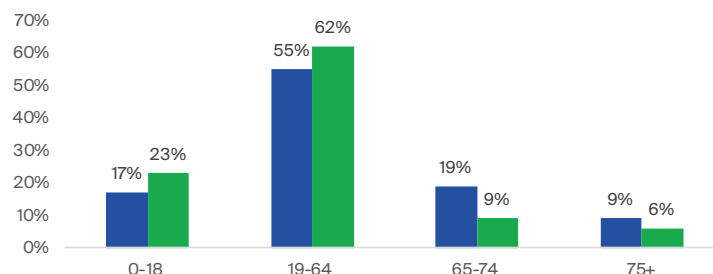
FRANCOPHONE POPULATION IN SOUTH SIMCOE

NOT AVISIBLE MINORITY
VISIBLE MINORITY



POPULATION AGE RANGE FOR SOUTH SIMCOE

FRANCOPHONE POPULATION
GENERAL POPULATION



Does the Ontario Health Team for South Simcoe serve a designated area?

The Township of Essa, one of **26 designated areas across Ontario**, is in close proximity to South Simcoe.

Under the *French Language Services Act*, a person has the right to communicate in French with, and to receive available services in French from “any head or central office of a government agency or institution of the Legislature, and has the same right in respect of any other office of such agency or institution that is located in or serves an area designated”.

Are there any identified or designated Health Service Providers (HSPs) in your OHT?

Supporting the **identification** and **designation** processes of HSPs for the provision of French Language Health Services (FLHS) is an integral part of Entité 4's work to ensure sustainability of services over time.

The **identification process** is the selection of HSPs with capacity to plan and deliver safe and quality services in French.

Designation is the legal recognition by the Ontario government of an organization's ability and ongoing commitment to provide high-quality services in French.

Home and Community Care:

coordination of care is subject to the *French Language Services Act*. Home and Community Care services are provided by the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

Spotlight on French Language Services

What French Language Health Services are located nearby?

Francophones in South Simcoe often choose to access other nearby FLHS within North Simcoe County and York Region.

Barrie Community Health Centre

Thanks to a collaboration agreement between Barrie CHC, CHIGAMIK CHC and South Georgian Bay CHC, CHIGAMIK CHC's French speaking nurse practitioner offers services at Barrie CHC one day per week.

📍 490 Huronia Road, Barrie

CHIGAMIK Community Health Centre

Designated HSP serving the Francophone population of the entire North Simcoe Muskoka region. An interdisciplinary team provides a full range of French language services including primary health care, diabetes education programs, dietitian services, mental health services, physiotherapy and health promotion activities

📍 845 King Street, Unit 10, Midland

Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County

Entité 4 worked with Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care to address gaps and plan for improved access to mental health and addictions services for Francophones. Since the fall of 2018 French-speaking clinicians are available at Canadian Mental Health Association Simcoe County and CHIGAMIK CHC.

📍 Various locations in Barrie, Orillia, Midland, Collingwood and Innisfil

York Support Services Network

In 2018/2019, with Entité 4's support, York Support Services Network hired a bilingual Mental Health Case Manager. The position also supports Francophone community outreach and health promotion activities.

📍 240 Edward Street, Suite 3, Aurora



Please note: list above is not exhaustive and is intended to provide an example of some of the French Language Health Services available in the area.

Why is it important to develop FLHS in South Simcoe?

Patients and their families struggle to navigate the health care system, especially when seeking services in French. The integration of bilingual health promoters and patient navigators into health care teams is an emerging best practice in serving minority populations.

Delivering these services in French for Francophones is a key component of patient-centered care for priority populations.

How do language barriers impact patient safety and care quality?

INCREASE:



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MEDICAL CONSULTATION TIMES



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RISK OF ERRORS IN DIAGNOSIS



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USE OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

DECREASE:



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USE OF PREVENTATIVE CARE SERVICES



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TREATMENT COMPLIANCE



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PATIENT SATISFACTION

What have we heard from HSPs about French Language Health Services (FLHS) in South Simcoe?



83%

OF HSPs IN SOUTH SIMCOE IDENTIFY FRANCOPHONE CLIENTS



75%

OF HSPs CAPTURE CLIENT SATISFACTION REGARDING FLHS

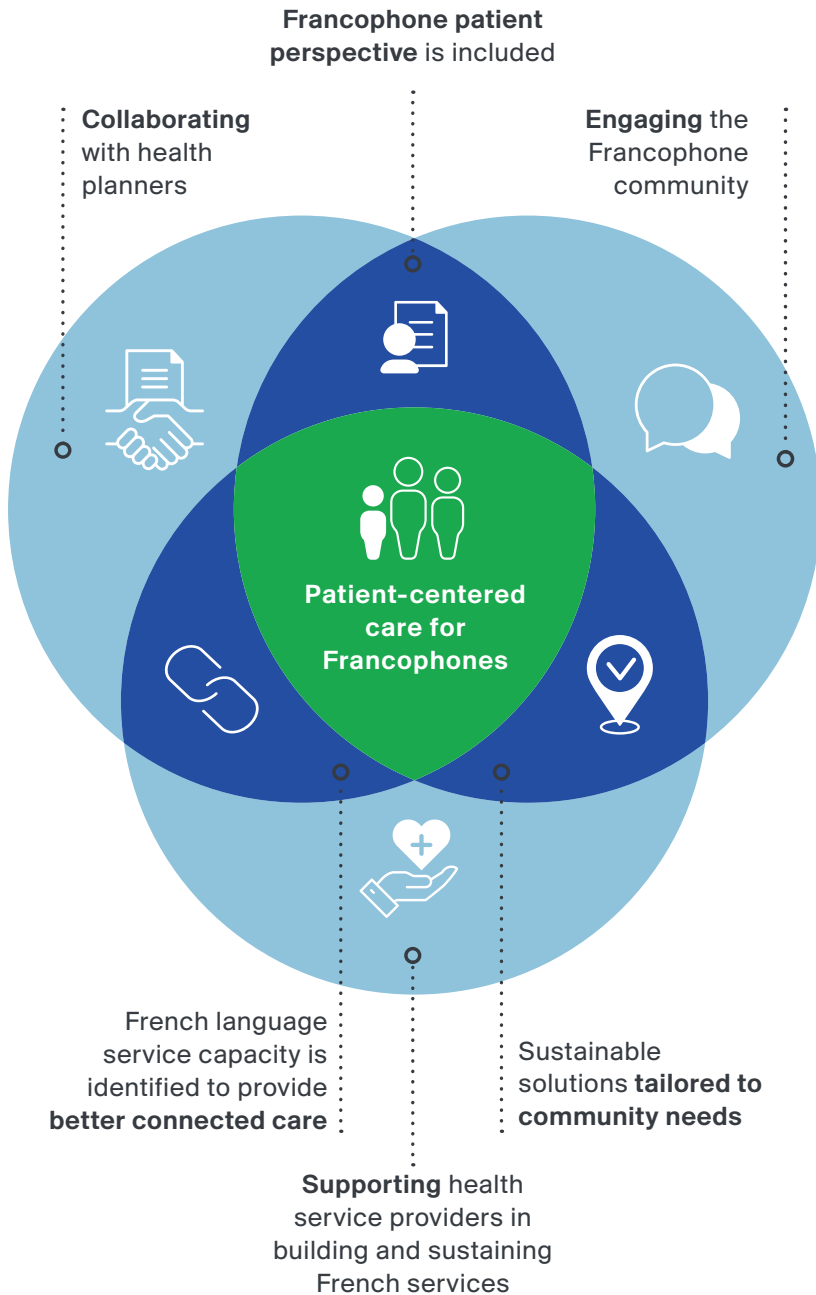


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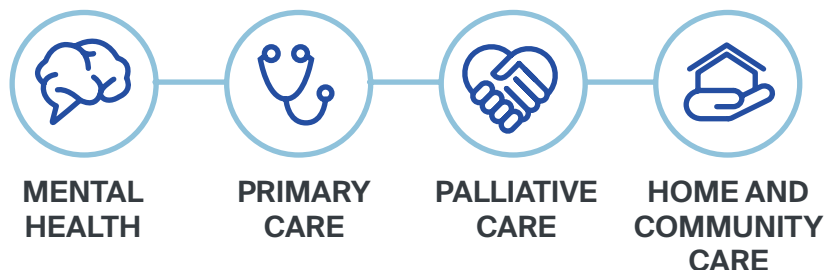
STAFF ACROSS HSPs REPORTED 'ADVANCED MINUS' TO 'SUPERIOR' FRENCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Entité 4 can help identify HSP capacity to provide French Language Health Services, enabling better alignment and coordination of care.

How can we support better patient outcomes for Francophones?



What are our priority sectors?



Entité 4 is mandated by the Ministry of Health to improve access to French Language Health Services. Entité 4 facilitates community engagement and provides innovative advice on planning, organizing and integrating French Language Health Services. Entité 4 works with local, regional and provincial partners, throughout the Central, Central East and North Simcoe Muskoka regions, to build and sustain health care services for Ontario's official language minority population.

Entité 4 can help integrate French Language Health Services in your OHT.

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