

## **OCCHA'S History**

The Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation (OCCHA) was formed in 1981. OCCHA is an independent agency directed by a Board of Directors, whose members are appointed by professional associations involved in public health to promote accountability and excellence in public health.

OCCHA's conviction is that the provision of quality public health programs and services requires sound administrative and operational processes. Through the accreditation process, OCCHA provides an independent, voluntary, peer evaluation of the administrative and operational aspects of local public health agencies, including a review of program planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

## **OCCHA'S Mission Statement**

The Ontario Council on Community Health Accreditation promotes accountability and excellence in public health programs and services.

## **OCCHA's Mandate**

- To establish, review and revise accreditation standards related to governance, administration and program planning, implementation monitoring and evaluation.
- To enhance knowledge through consultation and shared experience.
- To measure agency performance against peer-set standards, provide comprehensive reports and confer accreditation awards.
- To promote and facilitate continuous quality improvement in public health units through consultation across Ontario health units.
- To work in partnership with other community health organizations and relevant provincial ministries, to promote excellence in public health programs and services.

## **OCCHA'S Strategic Directions**

- Strengthen OCCHA's partnership with the MOHLTC by creating opportunities for collaboration in support of public health renewal.
- Enhance customer service and marketing of OCCHA and the accreditation process and nurture/strengthen alliances and partnerships in support of OCCHA's mission.
- To encourage and facilitate organizational excellence and ongoing quality of practice (Continuous Quality Improvement) in public health.
- Build the capacity to fulfill OCCHA's role in support of public health renewal.