



Expanding and Enhancing Mental Health Case Management for Refugees from the Hispanic Population

Madison is delighted to announce that it has been approved for funding from the province of Ontario through its Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) to expand and enhance mental health case management services and programs for the Hispanic population. The Hispanic program will receive \$100,000 for one year which enables Madison to hire an additional Spanish speaking case manager who will be responsible for providing mental health and settlement services to refugees from the Hispanic population. The funding will also be used to develop a comprehensive evaluation of this new specialized service to support, expand and improve the services and quality of the Hispanic program.

Many of the individuals accessing the Hispanic Program have left countries that are or have been at war or political unrest. Many have experienced persecution for their political, religious, or personal beliefs. Many are traumatized due to pre-immigration experiences (e.g., war), the process of migration (e.g., loss of family) and post-immigration experiences (e.g., poverty). As a result, they face significant mental health as well as settlement challenges. This new funding will help sustain and increase our ability to continue to provide Case Management Services in the Spanish language to the ever-growing Hispanic population in Toronto.

Madison has been offering its supportive housing and case management services for 40 years. For 22 years, Madison has been providing a program tailored to meet the identified needs of the Toronto Spanish speaking population seeking support services. The program is delivered in their first language. Madison's Hispanic Program was created to meet a large service gap for this population. To date, Madison is still the only mental health agency with comprehensive programming designed specifically to serve Toronto's Hispanic population.