

According to Health Canada, the cost of drug and alcohol addiction to our local economy is estimated to be \$243 million per year.

London Community Addiction Response Strategy

- Provides individuals and families - living with addictions, homelessness, mental health and poverty - safe choices and options to support a more positive engagement in our communities.
- Increases feeling of safety and pride in downtown neighbourhoods.

Community Partners

AIDS Committee of London
At^lohsa
London and District Distress Centre
London Harm Reduction Coalition
London Police Service
Mission Services of London
Ontario Works London
Salvation Army
Street Connection
WOTCH/My Sister's Place
Unity Project
Youth Opportunities Unlimited

In partnership with other community services

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What is London CARES?

London CARES is an integrated strategy to address the needs of individuals living with the effects of poverty, homelessness, addiction and mental illness in the communities in which they live.

London CARES is an action plan that will build a continuum of care and support our program goals of:

- improving health outcomes for those living with addiction
- reducing the incidence of homelessness in London
- enhancing the quality of life and business prosperity in downtown/priority areas

4 Pillar Strategy

- 1 Treatment
- 2 Prevention
- 3 Enforcement
- 4 Harm Reduction

Community partnerships – Working together through an integrated community partnership with neighbours, agencies and peers.

By recognizing the importance of both public health and public order, we can make positive efforts toward reducing addictions and homelessness in our community

What are we doing?

- Safe haven spaces – 24/7 options to being on the street
- Increasing outreach services – developing relationships with individuals who are homeless
- Providing local community referrals and housing support services
- Mobile van – outreach, transportation and diversion from emergency services
- After hours support staff to deal with street issues
- 24/7 telephone service
- Harm reduction – needle exchange, information and referral
- Peer engagement and support

