

## **School Health Support Services Review provides a basis for improvements**

January 31, 2011 - The Ontario Home Care Association (OHCA) welcomes the release of the *Review of School Health Support Services - Final Report*. The Report serves as a comprehensive overview of the School Health Support Services (SHSS) program, its history, evolution, and current status.

OHCA members were pleased with the comprehensive approach and extensive consultations undertaken with a full range of stakeholders from across the province. The collaborative team of the MOHLTC, EDU and MCYS (Tri-Ministry Review Team) was essential to the development of the recommendations presented in the final report.

“The important role of the home care system was reflected in the report” said Sue VanderBent, OHCA Executive Director. “The recommendations provide a basis on which the MOHLTC, the CCACs and OHCA members can continue to develop the SHSS program, building on the successes and addressing the many challenges that have emerged over time”, added VanderBent.

Investments in children are investments in our future. Every effort must be made to test the recommendations and develop strategies to meet the needs of Ontario families. The OHCA will provide further input to the formal consultation process. As service providers caring for children for the past 25 years, OHCA members commit to working with all stakeholders to improve the system of care for Ontario children.

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### **About the OHCA**

The OHCA, *the voice of home care in Ontario*, is a membership association representing providers of quality home care services from across Ontario. OHCA members represent an estimated 25,000 staff collectively serving 300,000 Ontarians per year. OHCA works with families as integral partners in the delivery of home care services and as such estimates that 1.2 million Ontarians are impacted by members. OHCA is dedicated to promoting the growth and development of the home and community health care sector by helping to shape health care policy, supporting members to excel, and being a leading source of information on home and community care. OHCA members are accredited through Accreditation Canada, CARF, and/or registered with the International Standards Association (ISO).

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