



Health Care Network of Southeastern Ontario

PARTNER PROFILE

KFL&A Public Health



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2005 Budget:
Number of Staff:

\$13,866,000 (all programmes)
135 FTE

Mission

Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health works together with our communities to promote and protect the public's health.

Profile

KFL&A Public Health is an accredited local public health agency, providing health protection and health promotion services, including environmental health, infectious disease prevention, tobacco use prevention, active living, nutrition, and services for parents and children.

Local public health agencies are established by Ontario legislation (Health Protection and Promotion Act), to provide a full spectrum of community health programs, carried out by full-time, specially qualified staff.

There are 36 local public health agencies in Ontario. Local public health agencies administer health promotion and disease prevention programs to inform the public about healthy life-styles, communicable disease control including education on STDs, immunization, food premises inspection, healthy growth and development including parenting education, health education for all age groups and selected screening services.

Each local public health agency is governed by a board of health, which is either an autonomous corporation under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, or a department of a municipal government. The former are administered by the medical officer of health who reports to the local board of health; in the latter, the MOH reports to the municipal council through a CAO, a commissioner or both. Boards are largely made up of elected representatives from the local municipal councils, but there are also order-in-council appointments to the autonomous boards. The Ministry of Health & Long-term Care cost-shares the expenses with the municipalities.

KFL&A Public Health is actively involved in the education of future health professionals and the evaluation and development of public health programs through the Public Health Research, Education and Development Programme.