



Interpretation Services Available for PWA Services

For Immediate Release

Toronto, Ontario (June 2007) - It is with great pleasure that the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA) announces that interpretation services are now available for all clients. People can now receive services in over 85 languages. Interpretation is for services is available in-person and on the phone in over 85 languages.

PWA recognizes that many people living with HIV/AIDS come to Canada hoping for a new beginning only to experience barriers to service because of language accessibility. In the last five years alone, over 30% of new clients registered at PWA have come from countries outside of Canada. We have seen that HIV does not discriminate and nor should services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Without language accessibility, people do not receive the same level of service and care as others. The result can be social isolation and deterioration in health.

PWA is working with the Multilingual Community Interpreter Services (MCIS) to provide on-site interpretation. MCIS has provided interpretation and translation services since 1989. They provide services to Legal AIDS clinics, Children's AIDS Societies, government agencies and others. All MCIS services are confidential to protect the identity of PWA's clients.

To learn more or to access this service, please contact any program staff member of PWA.

Together, we can make a positive difference.

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About the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

The Toronto People With AIDS Foundation Exists to promote the health and wellbeing of all people living with HIV/AIDS by providing accessible, direct, and practical support services. It is Canada's largest direct support service agency for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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