

Announcement for French Language Services System Navigator (FLSSN)

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Addiction Services of Thames Valley (ADSTV) is pleased to announce a new program for the Francophone community funded by the South West LHIN. The French Language Services System Navigator (FLSSN) will assist Francophones across the South West LHIN with mental health and addiction problems. Individuals and families will be referred to local mental health and addiction supports after a telepsychiatry appointment with a bilingual psychiatrist. The system navigator will work with the SWLHIN healthcare community to set up increased access to healthcare services in French for Francophone individuals. This new program will use the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) to increase access and provide linkages to telepsychiatry and other supports.

This program, funded by the SWLHIN, is modelled after an innovative program first started in Guelph at the CMHA – Waterloo Wellington Dufferin Branch and ADSTV will work closely with them to develop our program.

The French Language System Navigator will work with the SWLHIN French Language Services lead, French Language Identified agencies, advisory groups and committees in the community to develop a more cohesive healthcare community that serves Francophones in French. ADSTV is proud to be a part of this initiative.

It is hoped that this program will be receiving referrals by April 2014. Detailed information about the program will soon be available on the ADSTV website www.adstv.on.ca

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