



LIST OF ACRONYMS

See also: <http://www.traverseindependence.ca/en/aboutus/CommunityPartners.asp>

ACRONYM	NAME	EXPLANATION	WEBSITE
ABI	Acquired Brain Injury	Brain damage caused by events after birth, rather than as part of a genetic or congenital disorder. ABI can result in cognitive, physical, emotional or behavioural impairments that lead to permanent or temporary changes in functioning. These impairments result from either traumatic brain injury (for instance physical trauma due to accidents, assaults, neurosurgery, head injury etc.) or non-traumatic injury derived from an internal or external source (for instance stroke, brain tumours, infection, poisoning etc.)	
ACW	Attendant Care Worker	See PSW .	
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	Term used in healthcare to refer to daily self-care activities within an individual's place of residence, in outdoor environments, or both. Health professionals routinely refer to the ability or inability to perform ADLs as a measurement of the functional status of a person, particularly in regards to people with disabilities and the elderly. ADLs are defined as the things we normally do, such as feeding ourselves, bathing, dressing, grooming, work, homemaking, and leisure.	

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ALC	Alternate level of care	When a patient is occupying a bed in a hospital and does not require the intensity of resources/services provided in this care setting (Acute, Complex Continuing Care, Mental Health or Rehabilitation), the patient must be designated Alternate Level of Care (ALC) at that time by the physician or her/his delegate.	
AODA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act	Recognizing the history of discrimination against persons with disabilities in Ontario, the purpose of this Act is to benefit all Ontarians by, developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards in order to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1, 2025; and providing for the involvement of persons with disabilities, of the Government of Ontario and of representatives of industries and of various sectors of the economy in the development of the accessibility standards.	http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a11
BIAWW	Brain Injury Association	The Brain Injury Association is dedicated to providing social activities, training and resources for people with an ABI, their family, and the professionals who care for them.	Ontario: http://www.obia.ca/
CACC	Central Ambulance Communications Centre	Central Ambulance Communications Centres deploy, coordinate and direct the movement of all ambulances and emergency response vehicles within geographic catchment areas to ensure an integrated healthcare system.	
CCAC	Community Care Access Centre	The Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) connects	http://www.ccac-ont.ca/

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		<p>persons with the care they need, at home and in their community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CCAC can help people stay in their own home longer by providing Care in Your Home and by coordinating Care in Your Community, including specialized support services • The CCAC can provide people with information about Long-Term Care Options if it becomes too difficult for them to live independently at home. <p>In total, there are 14 CCACs in communities across Ontario that are funded by Local Health Integration Networks through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. CCAC advice and services are covered by OHIP.</p>	
CCIM	Community Care Information Management	Community Care Information Management (CCIM) was established in 2005 by senior leadership from the Community Care sector, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, to equip care providers with Common Assessment tools, to manage and measure improvement in client outcomes over time, and to provide Business Systems standards, processes and tools to collect financial and statistical data for evidence based planning purposes.	https://www.ccim.on.ca/default.aspx
CHA	Community Health Assessment	See InterRAI CHA .	
CMH	Cambridge Memorial Hospital	CMH provides services to residents of Cambridge, township of North Dumfries and Region of Waterloo	https://www.cmh.org
CMH	Community Mental Health		

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CMH CAP	Community Mental Health Common Assessment Project	CCIM-project that was designed to find a streamlined assessment tool to standardize current mental health assessment practices across the province.	
CMH&A	Community Mental Health and Addiction		
CMIG	Consent Management Implementation Guide	Guide that provides the tools required to assist health service providers (HSPs) in augmenting their existing Consent management practices where needed in order to support PHIPA compliance when sharing assessment data. The Consent Management Implementation Guide is intended for HSPs involved in the implementation of Community Care Information Management (CCIM) assessment projects.	
CF	Community Facilitator	As a member of the Traverse Independence staffing team, this position is responsible for development of client programming, including ongoing assessment, individual program development, implementation and evaluation. The Community Facilitator demonstrates the ability to work with clients who exhibit various levels of independence and insight into their own abilities. The Community Facilitator is a liaison with professionals, community resources, and other significant support persons who are involved with a client.	
CPF	Common Privacy Framework	CCIM initiative in response to HSPs requesting privacy guidance, especially when sharing assessment personal health information.	

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CSS	Community Support Services	The Community Support Services (CSS) sector in Ontario reaches out to older and disabled residents, all of whom depend on support services to live independently at home. A multitude of CSS services help to provide an improved quality of life for seniors and disabled clients as well as their families.	
CSS CAP	Community Support Services Common Assessment Project	CCIM-project that was designed to find a streamlined assessment tool to standardize current CSS assessment practices across the province. The chosen tool is the InterRAI CHA .	
DSO	Developmental Services Ontario	Developmental Services Ontario helps adults with developmental disabilities connect to services and supports in their communities.	http://www.dsontario.ca
ECA	Easy Coordinated Access	Local initiative for all referrals for community services to go through one point of access at the CCAC. It's one simple way for health care professionals to refer to either community support services or specialized geriatric services in the Waterloo-Wellington region.	http://easycoordinatedaccess.com
GRH	Grand River Hospital	GRH in Kitchener is Waterloo Region's largest hospital. It provides integrated stroke care as the region's district stroke centre. Grand River Hospital's rehabilitation program offers the majority of its services at the Freeport Site in Kitchener.	http://www.grhosp.on.ca
HHS	Hamilton Health Sciences	Hamilton Health Sciences is a family of seven unique hospitals and serves as the regional referral centre for cardiac, stroke, burns, trauma, neurosurgery, rehabilitation services, etc.	http://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca

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HSP	Health Service Provider	A health care provider is an individual or an institution that provides preventive, curative, promotional or rehabilitative health care services in a systematic way to individuals, families or communities.	
IAR	Integrated Assessment Record	<p>The Integrated Assessment Record (IAR) is an electronic tool that allows authorized users to view a client/patient's previous assessment information and work in collaboration with other care providers to effectively plan and deliver services. It is currently piloted by several LHINs.</p> <p>IAR is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify all providers within the client's circle of care and provide access to their most recent assessment • Provide data for health service planning to healthcare providers and LHINs • Support networks and learning opportunities across organizations • Identify service overlaps and gaps to improve the quality and reliability of care. 	https://www.ccim.on.ca/IAR/default.aspx
IHSP	Integrated Health Service Plan	The Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP) sets out the LHIN's (Local Health Integration Network) three-year plan, including vision, priorities, strategic directions and local strategies, to achieve the purpose of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 .	
InterRAI	InterRAI	Collaborative network of researchers in over 30 countries committed to improving health care for	

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		persons who are elderly, frail, or disabled.	
InterRAI CHA	Resident Assessment Instrument -Community Health Assessment	The InterRAI CHA is the assessment tool chosen by the Community Support Services (CSS) sector to standardize data collection on a wide selection of support services.	
LHIN	Local Health Integration Network	<p>LHINs are not-for-profit corporations that work with local health providers and community members to determine the health service priorities of their regions. LHINs are responsible for planning, funding and managing health services in their communities. LHINs don't provide services directly; instead they are responsible for integrating services in each of their specific geographic areas.</p> <p>Through community engagement, LHINs work with local health providers and community members to develop integrated health service plans for their communities.</p> <p>LHINs have responsibility for public and private hospitals, Community Care Access Centres (CCACs), community support service organizations, mental health and addiction agencies, Community Health Centres (CHCs) and long-term care homes.</p> <p>The WWLHIN or Waterloo Wellington LHIN is responsible for planning, coordinating, integrating and funding health services in Waterloo Region, Wellington County and South Grey County.</p>	http://www.waterloowellingtonlhin.on.ca/
LSF	Life Skills Facilitator	As a member of the Traverse Independence staffing team, this position is responsible for development of client programming, including ongoing assessment, individual program development, implementation	

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		and evaluation. The Life Skills Facilitator will require an understanding of programs where clients direct their own care or require assistance as their ability to direct their own care is questionable. The Life Skills Facilitator will be required to liaise with professionals and other significant support persons who are involved with a client.	
LTC	Long Term Care	Variety of services which help meet both the medical and non-medical needs of people who are elderly or have a chronic illness or disability and who cannot care for themselves for long periods of time.	
MIS	Management Information Systems	CCIM-project.	
OACCAC	Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres	The Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres serves as the collective voice for the contribution made by CCACs to an integrated healthcare system.	http://www.oaccac.on.ca
OAILSP	Ontario Association of Independent Living Service Providers	The objectives of OAILSP are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to provide assistance, expertise and resources on common issues to senior management of community support service agencies in Ontario; 2. to explore developments to advance independent living opportunities and experiences; 3. to advocate for persons with disabilities and the agencies that provide them service. 	http://www.oailsp.ca/
OC	Opportunity Centre	The Opportunity Centre is the Traverse Independence drop-in day program. Its focus is on connecting and empowering adults with acquired brain injuries (ABI) in a supportive, social	http://www.traverseindependence.ca/en/brain-injury-services/Day-Programs.aspx

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		environment. The Opportunity Centre is about creating opportunities for ABI clients. The Opportunity Centre incorporates recreation and leisure activities into its programs and is offered in cooperation with the Brain Injury Association of Waterloo Wellington and the Food Bank of Waterloo Region .	
OCAN	Ontario Common Assessment of Need	The Ontario Common Assessment of Need (OCAN) is a standardized, consumer-led, decision-making tool that assists with mental health recovery.	https://www.ccim.on.ca/CMHA/OCAN/default.aspx
OCSA	Ontario Community Support Association	The Ontario Community Support Association represents the home and community support sector in Ontario. OCSA members are community based, not-for-profit organizations that provide services to help people live at home.	http://www.ocsa.on.ca/
ODSP	Ontario Disability Support Program	The Ontario Disability Support Program helps people with disabilities who are in financial need pay for living expenses, like food and housing.	http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/odsp/
OFCMHAP	Addictions and Mental Health Ontario, formerly known as "Ontario Federation of Community Mental Health and Addiction Programs"	The federation brings together community mental health and addiction services in the province of Ontario to help members provide effective, high-quality services through information sharing, education, advocacy and unified effort.	http://www.addictionsandmentalhealthontario.ca/
OHRIS	Ontario Hospital Reporting Standards	Producing better data is a key objective of the province's Information Management Strategy. Sound health care planning decisions require accurate, timely and accessible data. Quality information is essential to making effective	

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		evidence-based decisions, which ultimately impact on the province's ability to adequately meet the health care needs of Ontarians.	
ONPHA	Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association	ONPHA unites non-profit organizations and provides housing in communities across Ontario. Its members include municipal and private non-profits of all sizes, with all types of funding.	http://www.onpha.on.ca/
OR	Outreach Services	Traverse Independence offers outreach services to clients with an ABI: our staff travels to your home and offers you the supports you need to bridge to your new home.	http://www.traverseindependence.ca/en/brain-injury-services/Outreach.aspx
OW	Ontario Works	If you are in temporary financial need, Ontario Works can provide you with money, and help you find a job. To be eligible to receive help from Ontario Works, you must: live in Ontario, need money right away to help pay for food and housing costs, and be willing to take part in activities that will help you find a job.	http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/en/mcsc/programs/social/ow
PHIPA	Personal Health Information Protection Act	The Personal Health Information Protection Act sets out rules for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information. These rules will apply to all health information custodians operating within the province of Ontario and to individuals and organizations that receive personal health information from health information custodians.	http://www.ipc.on.ca/images/resources/hguide-e.pdf
PSW	Personal Support Worker	Persons trained as Personal Attendants or Personal Support Workers contribute to the quality of life of individuals who live in facilities and at home by promoting their independence, dignity, social,	

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		<p>emotional and physical well-being, mobility, personal appearance, comfort and safety. They support individuals and their families and may work as a member of a team.</p> <p>The range of services provided by persons trained as Personal Attendants or Personal Support Workers depends upon the individual needs and preferences of each person they support. They may include assistance with home management, personal care, family responsibilities and social and recreational activities.</p> <p>Personal Attendants support adults with physical disabilities who request and direct services to assist them in everyday activities.</p> <p>Personal Support Workers assist persons of any age who require support to carry out their everyday activities.</p>	
RAI	Resident Assessment Instrument		
RSW	Rehabilitation Support Worker	The Traverse Independence RSWs are responsible for the implementation of Individual Rehabilitation Plans, documentation of the client's participation and interaction with the service delivery team/client in the rehabilitation process.	
RTW	Return to work	Return to work after an absence due to illness or injury. May require modified hours or duties to accommodate limitations due to the illness or injury.	
SC	Service Coordinator	The Traverse Independence Service Coordinators are responsible for the management, delivery and	

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		evaluation of client programs and services.	
SJHCG	St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph	Guelph's leading, fully-accredited, not-for-profit provider of resident long-term care, complex continuing care, and rehabilitation services. SJHCG also offers a day program for people with an ABI.	https://www.sjhcg.ca
VON	Victorian Order of Nurses	Canada's largest national, not-for-profit, charitable home and community care organization. VON offers home care, personal support, and community services to enhance each client's quality of life by providing them with the personal assistance and support needed to make them comfortable in their own home.	http://www.von.ca/en/site/national
WHMIS	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System	The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System is Canada's national hazard communication standard. The key elements of the system are cautionary labelling of containers of WHMIS "controlled products", the provision of material safety data sheets (MSDSs) and worker education and training programs.	http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/occup-travail/whmis-simdut/index-eng.php
WSIB	Workplace Safety and Insurance Board	The WSIB offers programs, services and benefits to ensure that employees stay safe on the job and insured in case of injury.	http://www.wsib.on.ca/en/community/WSIB
ILSP	Independent Living Service Providers	See OAILSP .	