



TURNING *the* CORNER
TO A BETTER TOMORROW

2011 ONTARIO BUDGET



MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

The government is investing in a comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, starting with children and youth.

The strategy will:

- ✓ Focus on strengthening services for children and youth;
- ✓ Create a more integrated and responsive system;
- ✓ Build awareness and capacity within the education system to support students and their families.



INVESTING IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

It is estimated that one out of five people experience mental illness in their lifetime. Mental health problems often begin at a young age — about 70 per cent of mental health issues have their onset in childhood and adolescence.

Identifying mental health needs in children and youth as early as possible is key to effective treatment.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR KIDS' MENTAL HEALTH

Ontario is implementing the Working Together for Kids' Mental Health initiative in partnership with schools and service providers.

- ✓ This program gives front-line workers, such as teachers and child and youth workers, training and tools for risk screening and needs assessment.

