



Mental health, counselling groups thank Premier Ford For creating first-ever Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

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Mental health professionals and community support workers are tremendously encouraged by today's announcement that Ontario is dedicating an associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to the service of this crucially important file.

“Congratulations to Minister Michael Tibollo on his promotion to this file, and on the honour of being named Ontario's inaugural Minister of Mental Health and Addictions,” says the Reverend Sky Starr of Out of Bounds, a crisis response and counselling agency which serves northwest Toronto and the GTA, with particular focus on family members who have lost a loved one to gun violence.

“We have waited years - decades - for mental health issues to receive the attention and resources they deserve and desperately need.

Thank you Premier Ford for taking this bold, important step. This foundational initiative will change the lives of youth, families, and communities in our city and across our province,” says Starr.

Starr and her associates are particularly enthused about the appointment of Michael Tibollo as Ontario's first Minister for Mental Health and Addictions.

“Minister Tibollo's extensive background in mental health care will serve everyone very well as this work is conducted. We believe he will be an incredibly effective champion for our community. We hope to support him in every way possible.”

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