



Media Release – CCEA Receives Funding for IWF program

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Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Charmain Williams, was at the Counselling Centre of East Algoma (CCEA) on Thursday, January 18, 2024 to announce a funding investment of \$325,000, over three years, for the newly developed *Investing in Women's Futures* (IWF) program.

“My work is to empower women to thrive in the community, at home, at work and in their career,” said Williams.

Hailey Moulton, who developed the IWF program at CCEA stated the “program offers comprehensive support for women in Elliot Lake and nearby areas who face social and economical challenges due to gender-based violence.”

Women who have been supported in the IWF program have gained financial independence, acquired occupation skills, are continuing their education in post-secondary, have participated in workshops and more.

“The Counselling Centre of East Algoma takes pride in delivering these valuable services to women in our region,” said Moulton.

“Through this new Investing in Women's Futures program, located in Elliot Lake, more survivors of gender-based violence will have access to the employment readiness and wraparound supports they need to increase their participation in the workforce and provide for themselves and their children,” stated Williams, adding the government is “empowering women to achieve the success they deserve because when women succeed, Ontario succeeds.”

CCEA is one of 33 locations in the province that is offering the *Investing in Women's Futures* program. In 2022-2023, the IWF program helped 1,300 women throughout Ontario secure employment, start their own business or pursue further training and/or education.

To learn more, or register for the *Investing in Women's Futures* program, please visit our website at <https://www.counsellingcentre.org/iwf>. You can view the full media conference on our Facebook page.