

MEDIA ADVISORY: Area nurses welcome politicians into their workplaces

WINDSOR, May 21, 2013 – Nurses from the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit have invited their MPP to experience a day in the working life of a registered nurse (RN). On Tuesday, May 21, Liberal MPP Hon Teresa Piruzza, Minister of Children and Youth Services will learn more about the challenges and triumphs of Public Health Nurses by spending some time touring and meeting with nurses across the organization.

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit will join health care organizations across the province as part of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario's (RNAO) 13th annual *Take Your MPP to Work* event. This experience encourages politicians to meet with nurses in order to better understand the role of RNs, and to learn more about how our health care system functions.

Windsor West MPP Piruzza is one of many politicians participating in this RNAO tradition, which provides politicians the opportunity to learn about the different roles nurses have in our communities. This event also showcases how nurses use their knowledge and skills to enhance population health.

“These tours give politicians a more in-depth understanding of what nurses do and helps demonstrate how integral RNs are to the province's health care system,” says Jennifer Johnston, the president of the association's Windsor-Essex Chapter. “We are encouraging politicians to better understand the role nurses play in disease prevention, health promotion, and client-centred care.”

WHAT: *Take Your MPP to Work*

WHO: Liberal MPP for Windsor West, Teresa Piruzza, Minister of Children and Youth Services

WHEN: Tuesday May 21, 2013 **The media is welcome to attend the introductions at 11:30am. However, due to client privacy, will not be permitted to tour the rest of the building.

ITINERARY:

11:30 - 11:40	Introductions - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit's Boardroom Room 1A (1005 Ouellette Ave.)
11:41 - 11:45	Biologics Dept.
11:46 - 11:54	Oral Health Department
11:55 - 12:15	Comprehensive School Health and Nurse Practitioner Prenatal 0 to 6 Program
12:16 - 12:30	Family Health Department; Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program; Communications Resources Department
12:31 - 12:39	Communicable Disease Prevention Department; Health Inspection Department
12:40 - 1:00pm	Room 4a Light Lunch

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