

Minister of Health



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Ministerial Greetings

Canadian Psychological Association Conference's 76th Annual Convention

I would like to extend warm greetings to all the participants of the Canadian Psychological Association's 76th Annual Convention in Ottawa. This forum provides an excellent opportunity to share ideas and discuss innovative approaches to help address important mental health topics including family violence.

I would like to commend the Association for supporting the mental health of Canadians as well as encouraging an open dialogue about the effects family violence has on the mental health of victims. As someone who has been active in the area of ending violence against women for most of my life, I am always interested in how we can better support victims of violence.

As you know, the Government of Canada is committed to improving the mental health of Canadians. As part of Budget 2015 we signaled our intent to renew the mandate of the Mental Health Commission of Canada for another 10 years, beginning in 2017-18.

In addition, we invested \$100 million over ten years to enhance community-based programs that bolster the mental health and resilience of victims of family violence and better equip health professionals so they can more safely support victims in their care.

While there are no quick fixes to these complex public health issues I believe our collective efforts will produce positive and lasting results towards improving the mental health of Canadians and reducing the impact of family violence.

As Minister of Health, I thank you for your work in both of these areas and wish you a productive and engaging conference experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rona Ambrose'.

Rona Ambrose

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