



## **Thank you for your interest in advancing community partnership and engagement in Algoma.**

In Fall 2021, the Algoma Ontario Health Team (AOHT) submitted a Patient, Family and Caregiver Partnership and Engagement Strategy to the Ministry of Health outlining our commitment to embedding community voices at all levels of AOHT work. This includes increased representation in governance and at the working group level of patients, clients, family members, caregivers, people with lived and living experience, and other citizens.

In addition to these efforts, in our strategy we made a commitment to support partner organizations and collaborators to advance their own engagement activities at the organizational level. This commitment led to the creation of the toolkit you are now exploring. Building on existing work from partners, including notable contributions from Sault Area Hospital, we've curated tools and resources to create a one-stop option for groups looking to start or strengthen their engagement activities. We invite you to share, download, and customize these resources to fit your needs.

Please don't hesitate to connect with our team with questions or ideas. For more information on AOHT community engagement activities or support customizing these resources, please contact Leah Hodgson at [leah.hodgson@algomaohht.ca](mailto:leah.hodgson@algomaohht.ca). Together, we're paving the way for a health system in Algoma that is designed *by* and *for* the unique communities we serve; we sincerely thank you for your support in this pursuit.

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