



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Mental Health Clinics Now Available at The Willett**

**Brantford, ON (January 29, 2018)** – The Brant Community Healthcare System (BCHS) has implemented new outpatient Mental Health Clinics for youth and adults at The Willett, Paris.

As of January 29<sup>th</sup>, there are three clinics available that will run every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon. The clinics include the Early Intervention Clinic (Monday), Youth Mental Health Counselling (Wednesday), and Crisis Counselling (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). These clinics will run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Some walk-in services are also now available at this site.

These clinics have been added as an expansion of the Mental Health services offered at Brantford General Hospital (BGH) to provide better access to residents of Brant County who are seeking mental health and support services.

Members of the public are able to schedule an appointment by calling 519-751-5544 ext. 5530 and will be seen within 72 hours from the time they make their appointment.

If someone is experiencing a mental health crisis and needs immediate support, they can call 9-1-1 or visit the Emergency Department to access mental health crisis services that are available 7 days a week at the BGH site. They can also call St. Leonard's Community Services mental health crisis line at 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 519-759-7188 or toll-free at 1-866-811-7188. In addition, they can access their crisis walk-in clinic, located at 225 Fairview Drive, Unit 1. The walk-in clinic is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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#### **About The Brant Community Healthcare System**

The Brant Community Healthcare System is a fully-accredited, award-winning healthcare organization, and an affiliated teaching site of the McMaster University Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine. Brantford General is a regional acute health centre and The Willett, Paris is an ambulatory centre providing urgent care.