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Dear Community partner,

The French Health Network of Central Southwestern Ontario would like to invite you to participate in a new national initiative to increase bilingual health professionals in Francophone minority communities.

The French Health Network is one of 16 members established in 13 Canadian provinces and territories under the umbrella organisation of the Société Santé en français. It is federally funded by Health Canada and aims to mobilize health partners around priority issues, and to improve coordinated actions for recruiting and retaining French language health services on regional, provincial and federal levels.

The [Welcoming Community](#) is an initiative aimed at increasing organisational bilingual capacity while offering learning opportunities for students from various health care faculties such as medicine, nursing, social work, psychology and speech therapy.

In working closely with the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, all 16 faculties were able to identify hundreds of bilingual students who were looking forward to gaining experience, in settings where they can use their professional and language skills. Through multitier project coordination, several matches between students and health care providers looking to increase organisational capacity have successfully been made.

In order to take part in this Health Canada funded pilot project, we invite you to fill out this [Online Survey](#) and tell us more about your organizations needs and interest. With your consent, this information will be used to generate linkages with program placement coordinators and/or students seeking bilingual opportunities in your area. Although this initiative cannot guarantee placements, it can certainly assist your organization to network with future health professionals and connect with the Francophone community.



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Thank you in advance for your support and assistance with this project. For any questions, please contact Nancy Lariviere, development officer at nlariviere@francosantesud.ca or by phone at 1.888.549.5775 ext. 4.

[Online English Survey available here](#)

For more information about the Welcoming community project visit our website, www.francosantesud.ca

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