

Halton Trauma Centre to run renowned program

Program's new location will be within 40 kilometres of current Etobicoke site

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The Oakville-based Halton Trauma Centre will soon take over an internationally renowned treatment program for young offenders and victims of family sexual abuse from the provincial Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

The SAFE-T (Sexual Abuse Family Education Treatment) program currently offers services at the Thistletown Regional Centre site in north Etobicoke, which is to be shut down by the end of 2014.

The program, under the auspices of the Halton Trauma Centre, will move to a new location this fall. The location, has yet to be determined, but it will be somewhere within 40 kilometres of the current site.

Halton Trauma Centre executive director



Darryl Hall

Darryl Hall told the *Toronto Star* SAFE-T staff, who are currently members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, will be getting job offers from Halton, which does not have a unionized staff.

Hall said all clientele of the SAFE-T program, which will maintain its name, are also welcome to stay and it will continue to be open to residents of the GTA and southern Ontario.

The SAFE-T program started in 1983 as a pilot project at Thistletown, a provincial facility that offers programs for clients with complex mental health, behavioural and developmental challenges.

In 2001, researchers at SAFE-T, led by clinical and forensic psychologist James Worling, developed the first risk-assessment tool for adolescents who have sexually offended.

The tool is now used by agencies around

the world.

The Oakville-based Halton Trauma Centre has offered clinical services to child, adolescent and family victims of sexual and other types of abuse for more than 30 years. It also treats adolescent sexual offenders and children with sexual behaviour problems.

With the addition of SAFE-T, Halton Trauma Centre will become "the biggest provider of specialized services" of its type in Ontario, says Hall.

"Our real hope is to be able to service more children and youth," he says.

The provincial funding for SAFE-T will be "the same," says Hall. "But now SAFE-T will have the opportunity to expand the funding model."

The Halton Trauma Centre receives funding from a variety of sources, including the United Way, corporations and individuals.



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April 22-26	5,6,7 and 9

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- Ensure leaves are free of debris and other foreign matter
- Put leaves out no earlier than seven days before the first day of your pickup, and no later than 7 a.m. on the first day of collection in your zone
- Remove contaminated piles of leaves or leaves that have been put out after the collection dates

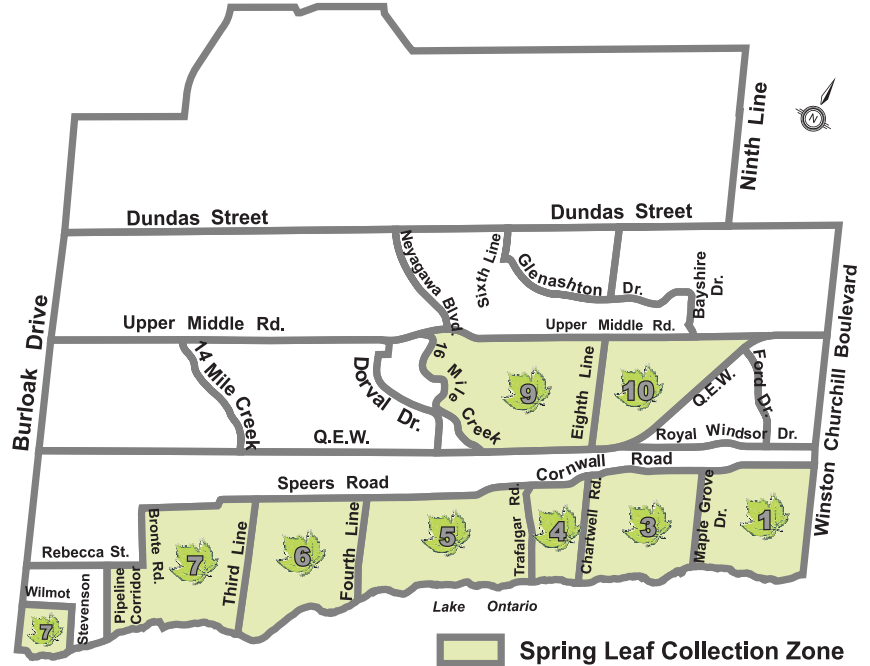
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