



Ongwanada

Accredited with Commendation

Ongwanada has gone beyond the requirements of the Qmentum accreditation program and is commended for its commitment to quality improvement.

Ongwanada is participating in the Accreditation Canada Qmentum accreditation program. Qmentum helps organizations strengthen their quality improvement efforts by identifying what they are doing well and where improvements are needed.

Organizations that become accredited with Accreditation Canada do so as a mark of pride and as a way to create a strong and sustainable culture of quality and safety.

Accreditation Canada commends **Ongwanada** for its ongoing work to integrate accreditation into its operations to improve the quality and safety of its programs and services.

Accreditation Canada

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As the leader in Canadian health care accreditation, we accredit more than 1,100 health care and social services organizations in Canada and around the world.

Accreditation Canada is accredited by the International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua) www.isqua.org, a tangible demonstration that our programs meet international standards.

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Demonstrating a commitment to quality and safety

Accreditation is an ongoing process of evaluating and recognizing a program or service as meeting established standards. It is a powerful tool for quality improvement. As a roadmap to quality, Accreditation Canada's Qmentum accreditation program provides evidence-informed standards, tools, resources, and guidance to health care and social services organizations on their journey to excellence.

As part of the program, most organizations conduct an extensive self-assessment to determine the extent to which they are meeting the Accreditation Canada standards and make changes to areas that need improvement. Every four years, Accreditation Canada surveyors, who are health care professionals from accredited organizations, visit the organization and conduct an on-site survey. After the survey, an accreditation decision is issued and the ongoing cycle of assessment and improvement continues.

This Executive Summary highlights some of the key achievements, strengths, and opportunities for improvement that were identified during the on-site survey at the organization. Detailed results are found in the organization's Accreditation Report.

On-site survey dates

November 14, 2021 to November 18, 2021

Locations surveyed

- **1 location** was assessed by the surveyor team during the on-site survey. Locations and sites visited were identified by considering risk factors such as the complexity of the organization, the scope of services at various sites, high or low volume sites, patient flow, geographical location, issues or concerns that may have arisen during the accreditation cycle, and results from previous on-site surveys. As a rule, sites that were not surveyed during one accreditation cycle become priorities for survey in the next.
- All sites and services are deemed **Accredited with Commendation** as of the date of this report.

See **Appendix A** for a list of the locations that were surveyed.

Standards used in the assessment

- **5 sets of standards** were used in the assessment.

Summary of surveyor team observations

These surveyor observations appear in both the Executive Summary and the Accreditation Report.

During the on-site survey, the surveyor team undertook a number of activities to determine the extent to which the organization met the accreditation program requirements. They observed the care that was provided; talked to staff, clients, families and others; reviewed documents and files; and recorded the results.

This process, known as a tracer, helped the surveyors follow a client's path through the organization. It gives them a clear picture of how service is delivered at any given point in the process.

The following is a summary of the surveyor team's overall observations.

Ongwanada provides programs and services for more than 800 persons with developmental disabilities in the Kingston and Eastern Ontario region. Services are provided through community residences, host families, Complex Care Homes, Supported Independent Living (SIL), Community Networks of Specialized Care (CNSC), Case management, Day Programs in the Community and Respite. Additionally, programming is delivered at various sites in Kingston, including Crescent Centre and the Ongwanada Resource Centre. Some of these services include a Snoezelen room, hydrotherapy pool, clinical nutrition, physiotherapy, virtual programming (Wellness Activity Group), and day support. Other programs delivered for adults with a developmental disability include residential respite care and genetic counselling. Ongwanada works with Queen's University, conducting research into genetic disorders associated with developmental disabilities.

Ongwanada is led by a Board of Governors. The board is committed and passionate about the work they do, work closely with the Senior Leadership Team and are proud of the excellent work of the staff of Ongwanada.

The organization has many partnerships, from the Ministry of Children and Social Services to Public Health to schools and municipalities. Partners appreciate the professionalism and transparency of Ongwanada and hold them in high regard.

The organization operates from a philosophy of servant leadership with core values being support, respect and choices. All people at Ongwanada were observed to be living these values.

Ongwanada has a strong leadership team that advocates on behalf of their clients, families and staff. The leadership team works tirelessly to ensure the necessary resources are there for those who need them.

Staff are committed to enriching the lives of those they work with. Families of clients put their trust in the staff to care for their family members. All four families who attended the Client and Family Engagement Meeting reported they felt less stress and anxiety because their children were being well cared for and they had trust in the staff caring for them. Many of the staff have been with the organization for long periods of time.

Overview: Quality dimensions results

Accreditation Canada uses eight dimensions that all play a part in providing safe, high quality health care.

These dimensions are the basis for the standards, and each criteria in the standards is tied to one of the quality dimensions.

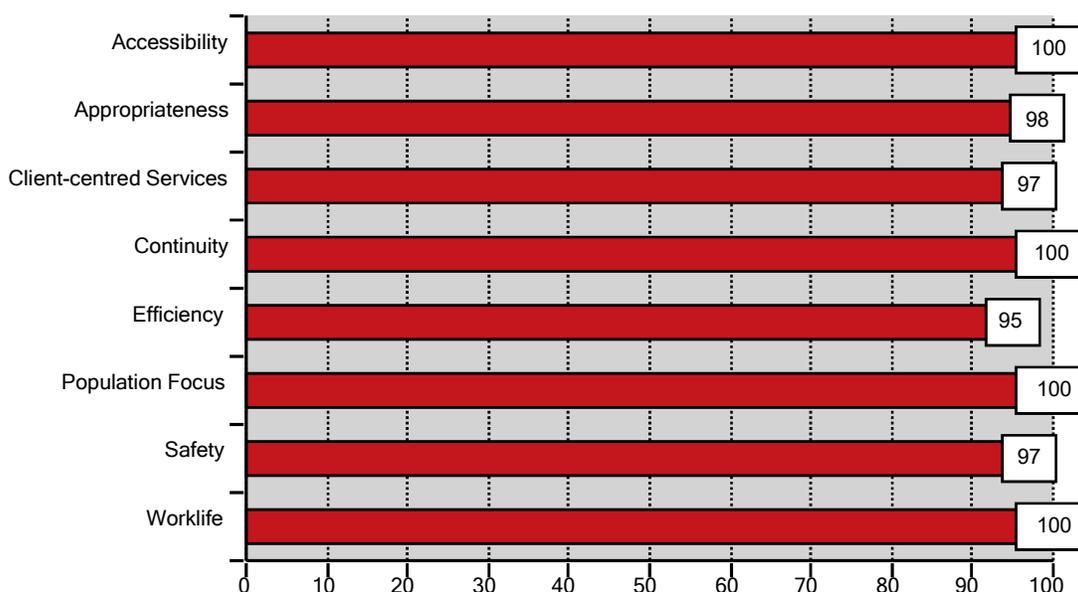
The quality dimensions are:

	Accessibility:	Give me timely and equitable services
	Appropriateness:	Do the right thing to achieve the best results
	Client-centred Services:	Partner with me and my family in our care
	Continuity:	Coordinate my care across the continuum
	Efficiency:	Make the best use of resources
	Population Focus:	Work with my community to anticipate and meet our needs
	Safety:	Keep me safe
	Worklife:	Take care of those who take care of me

Taken together, the dimensions create a picture of what a high quality health care program or service “looks like.” It is easy to access, focused on the client or patient, safe, efficient, effective, coordinated, reflective of community needs, and supportive of wellness and worklife balance.

This chart shows the percentage of criteria that the organization met for each quality dimension.

Quality Dimensions: Percentage of criteria met



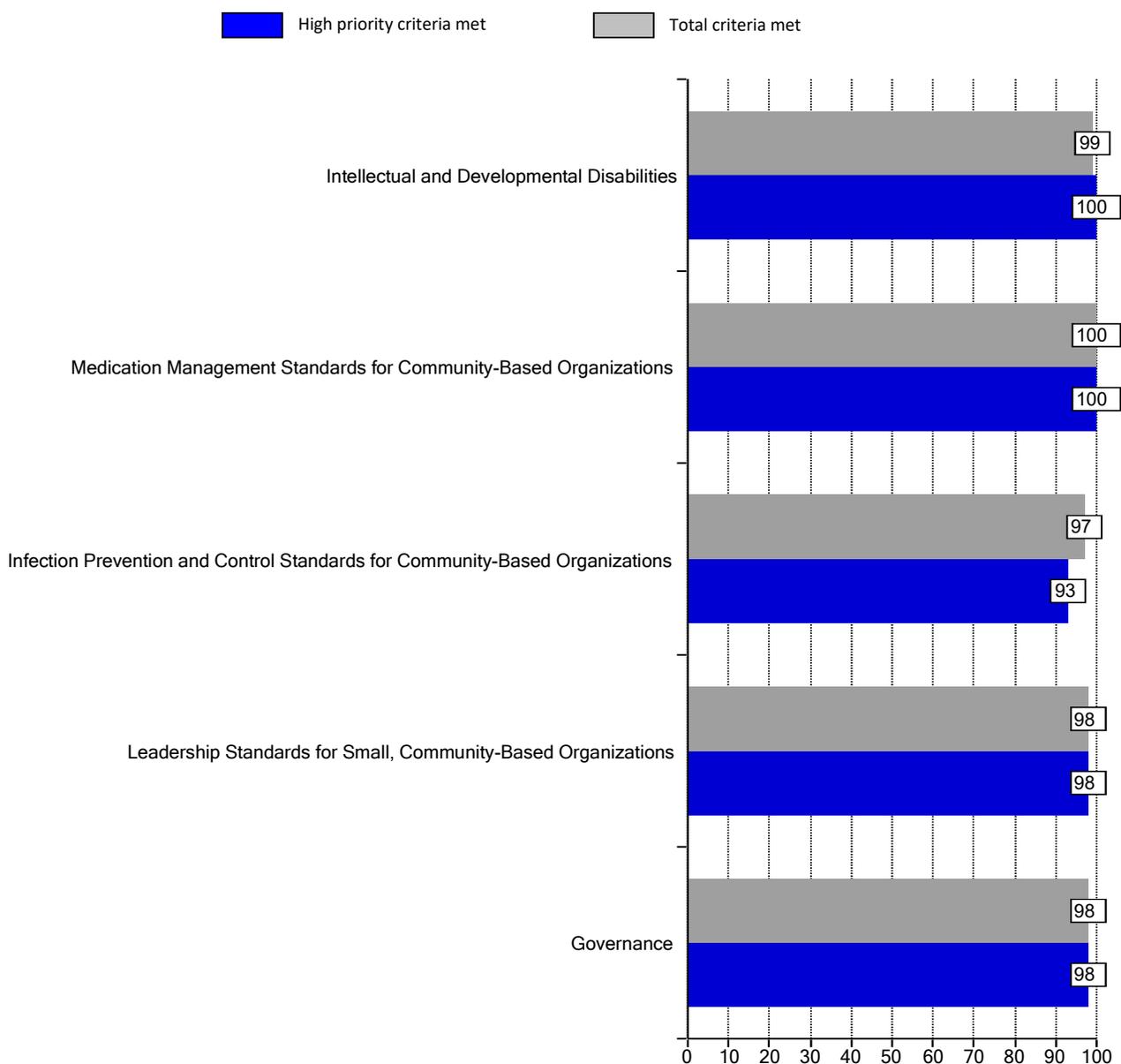
Overview: Standards results

All of the standards make a difference to health care quality and safety. A set of standards includes criteria and guidelines that show what is necessary to provide high quality care and service.

Some criteria—specifically those related to safety, ethics, risk management, or quality improvement—are considered high priority and carry more weight in determining the accreditation decision.

This chart shows the percentage of high priority criteria and the percentage of all criteria that the organization met in each set of standards.

Standards: Percentage of criteria met



Overview: Required Organizational Practices results

Accreditation Canada defines a Required Organizational Practice (ROP) as an essential practice that must be in place for client safety and to minimize risk. ROPs are part of the standards. Each one has detailed tests for compliance that the organization must meet if it is to meet the ROP.

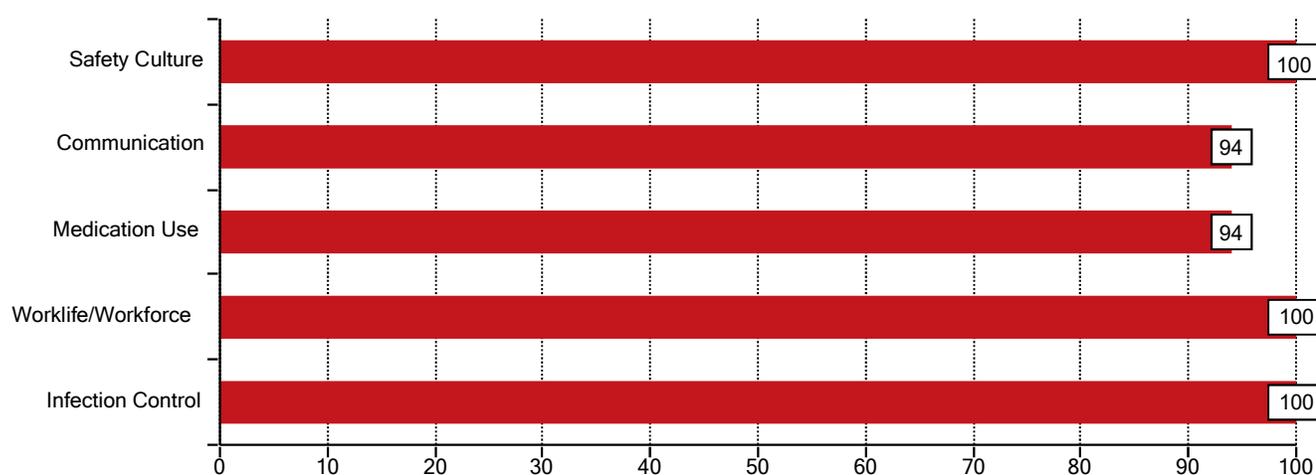
ROPs are always high priority and it is difficult to achieve accreditation without meeting most of the applicable ROPs. To highlight the importance of the ROPs and their role in promoting quality and safety, Accreditation Canada produces the Canadian Health Accreditation Report each year. It analyzes how select ROPs are being met across the country.

ROPs are categorized into six safety areas, each with its own goal:

- **Safety culture:** Create a culture of safety within the organization
- **Communication:** Improve the effectiveness and coordination of communication among care and service providers and with the recipients of care and service across the continuum
- **Medication use:** Ensure the safe use of high-risk medications
- **Worklife/workforce:** Create a worklife and physical environment that supports the safe delivery of care and service
- **Infection control:** Reduce the risk of health care-associated infections and their impact across the continuum of care/service
- **Risk assessment:** Identify safety risks inherent in the client population

See **Appendix B** for a list of the ROPs in each goal area.

ROP Goal Areas: Percentage of tests for compliance met



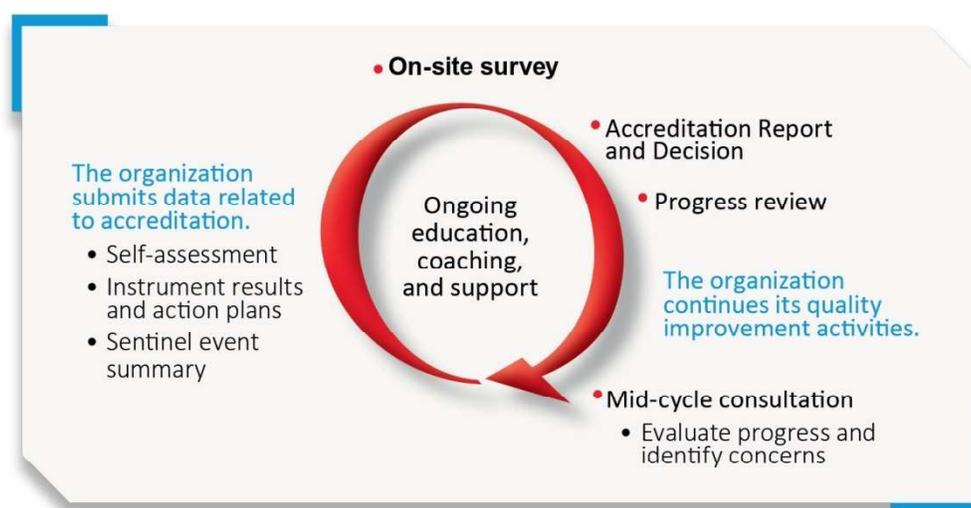
The quality improvement journey

The Qmentum accreditation program is a four-year cycle of assessment and improvement, where organizations work to meet the standards and raise the quality of their services. Qmentum helps them assess all aspects of their operations, from board and leadership, to care and services, to infrastructure.

The program identifies and rewards quality and innovation. The time and resources an organization invests in accreditation pay off in terms of better care, safer clients, and stronger teamwork. Accreditation also helps organizations be more efficient and gives them structured methods to report on their activities and what they are doing to improve quality.

In the end, all Canadians benefit from safer and higher quality health services as a result of the commitment that so many organizations across the country have made to the accreditation process.

Qmentum: A four-year cycle of quality improvement



As **Ongwanada** continues its quality improvement journey, it will conduct an in-depth review of the accreditation results and findings. Then a new cycle of improvement will begin as it incorporates any outstanding issues into its overall quality improvement plan, further strengthening its efforts to build a robust and widespread culture of quality and safety within its walls.

Appendix A: Locations surveyed

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Appendix B

Required Organizational Practices

Safety Culture

- Accountability for Quality
 - Patient safety incident disclosure
 - Patient safety incident management
 - Patient safety quarterly reports
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Communication

- Information transfer at care transitions
 - Medication reconciliation as a strategic priority
 - The “Do Not Use” list of abbreviations
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Medication Use

- High-Alert Medications
 - Infusion Pumps Training
 - Narcotics Safety
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Worklife/Workforce

- Patient safety plan
 - Patient safety: education and training
 - Preventive Maintenance Program
 - Workplace Violence Prevention
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Infection Control

- Hand-Hygiene Compliance
 - Hand-Hygiene Education and Training
 - Infection Rates
 - Reprocessing
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