

1984

First hospital-based sexual assault treatment centre opens at Women's College Hospital in Toronto

1993

The Ontario Network of Sexual Assault Treatment Centres is established

1995

The Network begins to provide in-person Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training for 50 nurses from across the province, annually

2003

Enhanced funding enables SA/DVTCs to provide specialized care for child victims/survivors of sexual violence

1998

Increased funding allows for the provision of care and treatment to victims/survivors of domestic violence as well

2007

The Network develops and launches an online SANE training course to complement the in-person training

2012

The Network establishes formalized standards of care

2018

36 SA/DVTCs, with over 500 staff, serving specific geographic regions across Ontario with populations ranging from 11,000 to 2.5 million people

22
articles published

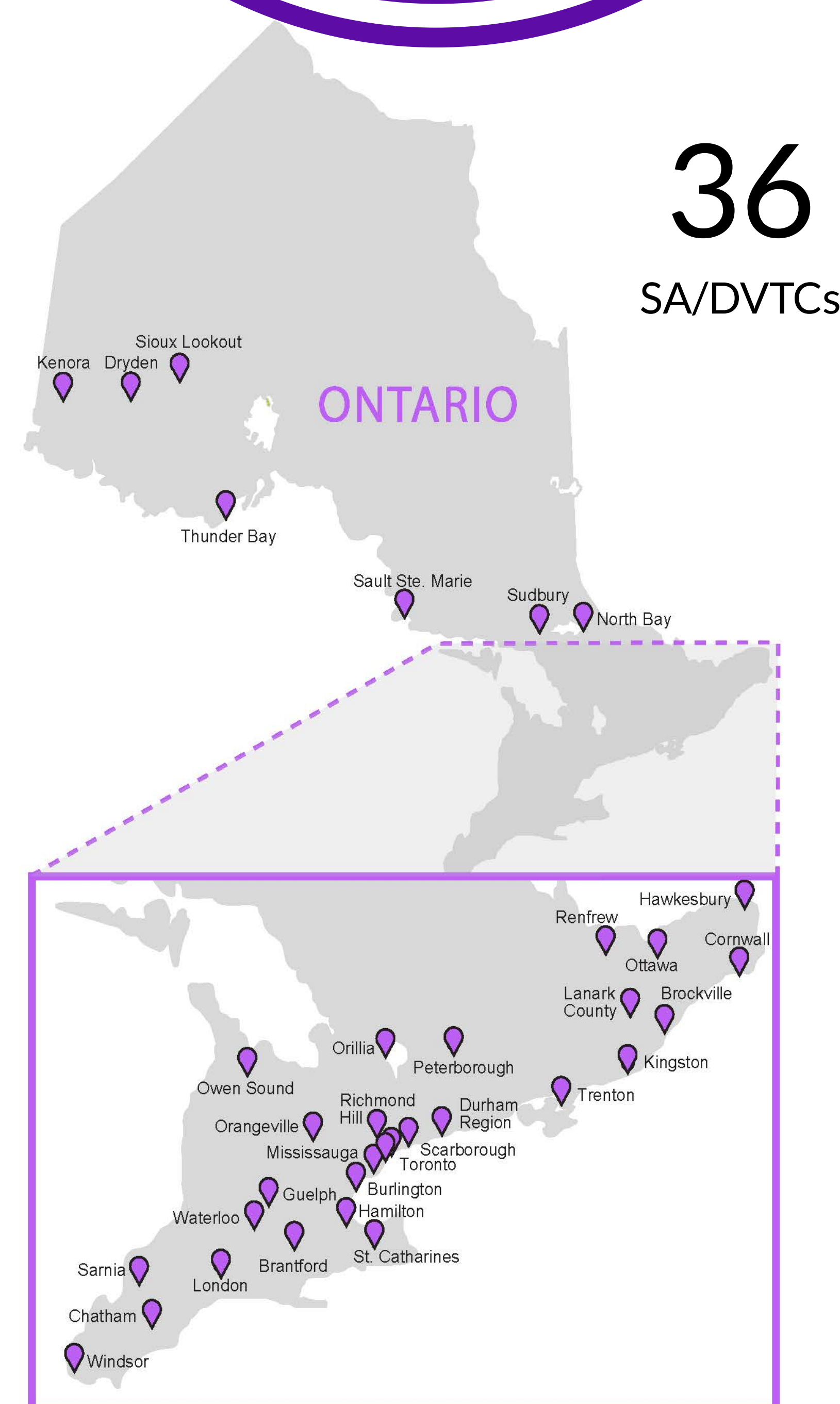
10
curricula and guidelines developed

1,000+
nurses SANE-trained

Provision of
HIV PEP
province-wide

4 | Online training programs created

28
knowledge translation tools created



Vision

A unifying voice and catalyst for change in responding to the health, forensic, and psycho-social needs of those who have experienced sexual violence and/or domestic violence.

Philosophy

The Ontario Network of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centres is committed to operating from within a feminist analysis of violence which recognizes the embedded social, cultural, and systemic imbalances within society that promote and maintain violence. As such, we recognize the importance of promoting choice, respect, and empowerment while honouring differences.

Mission

To provide leadership and support through advocacy, education, and research to 36, 24/7, hospital-based, sexual assault and domestic violence treatment centres across Ontario.

The future

The Network's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan identifies 4 strategic directions. As the Network moves forward, it will continue its endeavour to establish and maintain a high level of standardized care for victims/survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

1

Strengthen the infrastructure of the Network

- Secure funding for core Network positions
- Enhance accountability frameworks
- Develop mechanisms to retain institutional knowledge
- Focus Network discussions on advancing strategic directions and activities

2

Ensure SA/DVTCs provide comprehensive care and treatment that meets the diverse needs of victims/survivors

- All SA/DVTCs meet the standards of care
- Identify and promote staffing and management models that ensure equitable access and stable funding and staffing
- Increase education and training for clinicians providing care

3

Increase and sustain the capacity of SA/DVTCs to respond to the acute and long-term needs of clients

- Strengthen the provision of care
- Ensure every SA/DVTC has access to trauma-specific counselling services
- Explore other funding sources

4

Enhance knowledge exchange and collaboration to increase public awareness and promote a community of practice within the Network

- Enhance knowledge exchange among Network members and within the broader community
- Build on our integrated knowledge translation model