

## **Public Health Nursing Service Mission**

The mission of the Acton Public Health Nursing Service is to be the facilitator for the Board of Health and Town in fostering individual and community public health of the people living and working in the Town of Acton. This mission is primarily accomplished by protecting and enhancing the public health through the provision of health services, certified home care and health education.

### **Core Functions**

- A. **Assessment:** The regular collection, analysis, sharing of information and reporting to the Board of Health, by,
  - a. Monitoring the health status of the community to identify health problems.
  - b. Investigating and diagnosing health problems in the community.
- B. **Policy Development:** The development of health policies for enactment by the Board of Health or the Town, using information gathered from assessment activities, by,
  - a. Informing, educating and empowering residents about health issues.
  - b. Identifying and mobilizing community partners for assistance in solving health problems.
  - c. Developing policies that support the community health.
- C. **Assurance:** Maintaining the capacity of public health to respond to critical situations such as disease outbreaks through emergency preparedness and provide day-to-day monitoring of health risk activities, by,
  - a. Linking people to needed health services.
  - b. Assuring a competent and effective health workforce.
  - c. Evaluating the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of health services.
  - d. Researching and implementing innovative solutions to health problems.

### **Day-To-Day Activities**

Provide health care assistance by making home visits to the elderly or chronically ill; provide physical, occupational and speech therapies; provide health or nutrition counseling and education; conduct screening clinics for blood pressure; offer well child and flu clinics.