



## **Access Alliance receives funding from the Ministry of Status of Women for advancing gender equality in Ontario**

**TORONTO, September 25, 2017** – Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services receives \$375,855 to improve the economic security of unemployed and precariously employed racialized women living in Ontario. Access Alliance is one of nine organizations to receive funding towards projects that will help advance gender equality in Ontario.

On August 16, 2017 the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, announced more than \$3.2 million in Government of Canada funding for nine projects that will help advance gender equality in Ontario. These projects are part of national investment of over \$18 million by the federal government to support grassroots organizations and engage women leaders across the country.

“We are honored to receive support from Status of Women to address barriers that contribute to gender inequality in Ontario. We see first-hand, the effects that under-employment and precarious employment have on the health of racialized women. Our hope is that identifying and addressing these labor-market barriers will lead to healthier families and better health outcomes for some of Toronto’s most vulnerable populations.” said Axelle Janczur, Executive Director, Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services.

Through this project Access Alliance, in collaboration with community partners, will work to develop concrete solutions and recommendations that address the systemic-barriers that affect the career advancement of racialized women. The project will take place over a period of three years.

### **About Access Alliance:**

Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services has been promoting health, wellbeing and improved access to services for immigrants and refugees in Toronto for the past 25 years. A range of programs, services, advocacy and partnerships address medical, social, economic, environmental, settlement and integration issues for newcomers of all ages at all stages of their life. Find out more at: [www.accessalliance.ca](http://www.accessalliance.ca).

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