



## Investing in Children's Health

### Budget 2013 will:

- fund insulin pumps for youth up to age 19 as well as supplies for insulin pumps for people under the age of 25—\$5.3 million
- expand dental coverage for children by four years by enhancing Nova Scotia's Oral Health Program, one of the most accessible dental coverage programs in the country. Starting in 2013–14, children aged 13 and under will be able to receive universal dental coverage for check-ups and treatment.
- expand newborn screening to include cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, and eight additional conditions—\$1.3 million
- provide funding for a joint IWK–Capital Health eating disorders program
- continue to invest in Thrive!, a plan that focuses on healthy eating and physical activity to address childhood obesity and preventable chronic disease—\$1 million
- purchase a new generator for the IWK Health Centre to prevent power disruption from impacting health care

## Investing in Seniors

### Budget 2013 will:

- continue to support seniors living independently in their homes through home-care programs like the personal alert systems, caregivers' allowance, restorative care, and self-managed care programs—\$2 million
- partner with other provinces across Canada to reduce the price of six common generic drugs used by many Nova Scotians
- ensure that seniors continue to pay less for generic drugs, and protect them against increases in Pharmacare premiums and copayments—\$4.5 million
- provide wheelchairs to eligible low-income seniors, 65 years of age and older—\$1.4 million
- continue to fund a total of 1800 new and replacement long-term care beds opened since 2009

## Supporting Mental Health and Addictions

### Budget 2013 will:

- continue to fund Nova Scotia's first ever mental health and addictions strategy, Together We Can—\$2.5 million
  - help children and adolescents get the services they need, faster, by funding mental health clinicians in more schools—\$1.4 million
  - give all Nova Scotians 24/7 access to mental health crisis intervention via the Mental Health Crisis Line—\$114,000
  - develop standards—\$1 million
- co-locate childrens' mental health residential and daytime services
- support Nova Scotians with addictions so they can receive treatment closer to home—\$1 million
- increase funding for tobacco cessation to \$1 million