## Peace Through Health, McMaster University

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Organization's mandate/goals:

A conference entitled Peace Through Health was held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada in October 2001. This conference, seen as first of a series, focused on establishing shared understandings of peace-building through health, and the implications for medical education. The conference is seen as a way-station in an ongoing critical dialogue on crucial issues in the health-to-peace area.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Health -- Research methods and evaluation

The Peace through Health initiative hopes to further the dialogue by exploring the fundamental principles of "peace through health", assessing the impact of health-based activities on violent conflict and teaching this new body of theory and principles to health professionals.