

Continue as a supporting member of the DCO community and make a significant difference in the lives of others...

Why a DCO Membership?

For over 45 years Distress and Crisis Ontario (DCO) has worked on behalf of, and with its membership to build the capacity of community based organizations offering distress and crisis line services and providing suicide prevention support. In recent years DCO has expanded those capacity building initiatives to the text and chat area. DCO is funded primarily by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and its programs, projects and services are determined by the membership.

A DCO membership is ideal for many types of organizations, including board governed non-profit organizations that provide telephone-based and chat and text-based distress and/or crisis services and/or suicide prevention services to their communities. Also organizations that have a program, department or division that specializes in telephone, chat, text and/or web based support to their communities and its at-risk populations.

Strength through partnership and collaboration.

What are the benefits of a DCO Membership?

- No charge for all educational initiatives (including web based, on-line and in-person – Learning Forums, Lunch and Learns, Certificated courses)
- Reduced registration fees for staff, board members and volunteers at DCO's Educational Forums and Conferences
- Bi-yearly sector-specific Compensation and Benefits Survey
- Participation in pilot & collaborative projects
- Participation in provide-wide grant & funding opportunities
- Participation in the Crisis Services Canada
- Participation in all visioning & program development activities
- Subscription to DCO's monthly and special e-bulletins – the "e-News + Views" for staff and board members
- Subscription for all call, text and chat responders to the quarterly "Learning in Partnership" newsletter
- Nomination of up to 4 volunteers or a team for the 'Spirit of Volunteerism' Recognition
- Nomination of an organization's innovative or successful program or service for the yearly PSR – Program and Service Recognition
- Nomination of paid staff members for the inaugural EIA – Employee In Action Recognition
- Listing on DCO's website with a link to your organization
- Consultation and engagement in the development of public policy development, education and training, accreditation, volunteer management and ad-hoc initiatives
- Use of DCO partner organization logo on correspondence and on the web
- Yearly Membership certificate
- For members in good standing, ONE VOTE at every special or general meeting of the full membership

How to calculate your membership fee:

Your membership fee is based on the total revenues of your total organization and all the programs it offers – not just the expenditures on your distress or crisis services

\$435 (annual total revenue of \$5,000 - \$299,000)
 \$695 (annual total revenue of \$300,000 - \$749,999)
 \$995 (annual total revenue over \$750,000)

Additional Information

- We request confirmation of intent to pay dues by February 28th, 2018
- Annual dues must be paid by April 15th, 2018 for DCO's fiscal year April 1st, 2018 to March 31st, 2019
- Please complete the Membership Application form indicating the level of membership you are seeking and return the form by email or fax
- Payments can be made by cheque or by direct deposit
- Dues may be adjusted yearly to reflect the services provided

For further information please call, or email the Executive Director at evfisk@dcontario.org

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