

The DCO community focuses on making a significant difference in the lives of others...

## WHY A DCO MEMBERSHIP?



Building a caring partnership for over 45 years, Distress and Crisis Ontario (DCO) has worked 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?

- Display DCO partner organization logo on your correspondence and web to confirm your participation in Caring Partnership Network
- No charge for 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
- Participation in province-wide grant & funding opportunities
- Free subscription to DCO's quarterly and special e-bulletins – the “e-News + Views” for staff and board members
- Free 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
- 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
- Participation in pilot & collaborative projects
- Participation in all visioning & program development activities
- Yearly Membership certificate and eligibility for voting privileges 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

**\$475**

(Annual total revenue of  
\$5,000 - \$299,000)

**\$760**

(Annual total revenue of  
\$300,000 - \$749,999)

**\$1075**

(Annual total revenue  
over \$750,000)

## Additional Information

- We request confirmation of intent to pay dues by February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Annual dues must be paid by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for DCO's fiscal year April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021
- 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