

WHY CHOOSE AN OADC MEMBERSHIP?



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

Building a caring partnership for close to 50 years, the Ontario Association of Distress Centres has worked with its membership to increase the capacity of community based organizations offering distress and crisis line services and providing suicide prevention support. In everything we do, we aim to provide **advocacy** for our Members and the distress/crisis sector, **training** opportunities for volunteers and leadership, and to foster **networking** among Member centres to allow for partnerships and growth among the sector.

An OADC membership is ideal for a variety of organizations that provide telephone, chat, and/or text-based distress and/or crisis and/or suicide intervention and prevention services to their communities. Also for multi-service organizations with specialized telephone, chat, text and/or web-based support for their communities and its at-risk populations.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP?

- Access to our password-protected Learning Forum training materials that provide educational video presentations on a wide range of topics. On an ongoing basis we update content and create new modules. The teaching platform provides the opportunity for monitoring learning.
- Access to our Spirit of Volunteerism (SOV) member program that hosts monthly webinars for responders to come together to network and learn. This also includes our SOV Provincial Awards. In 2022-23, we will be focusing on identifying and sustaining organizational culture in a virtual environment.
- We host webinars for Member leadership to come together and discuss relevant issues pertaining to the sector.
- Members have the opportunity to join the Ontario Online Text Crisis Service (ONTX) Collaborative which is an online chat and text service.
- OADC manages the Statistics, Information, and Outcome Measures (SIOM) project which collates data from centres across the province to highlight the impact of distress/crisis and suicide intervention and prevention services across the province.
- OADC holds memberships and partnerships with other organizations that influence provincial, national, and international mental health and addictions services.
- Promotion of our Members through our website and social media.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERSHIP AND THE PUBLIC

- Weekly podcasts
- Monthly newsletters that include trending articles, government updates, and news from OADC and Membership
- Access to our website and Membership portal for current information and resource sharing
- Social media to promote mental health & addictions awareness
- Hosting of an Annual General Meeting each year
- Annual Provincial Conference for training and networking

2022-23 MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Fees are based on organization expenditures for your distress and/or crisis services specifically, not global agency budget for multi-service organizations.

\$502.25

**annual revenue
of \$5,000 -
\$299,000**

\$804.50

**annual revenue
of \$300,000 -
\$749,999**

\$1,137.75

**annual revenue
of \$750,000 plus**

2022-23 MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- We request confirmation of Membership by February 29th of the calendar year
- Annual dues must be paid by April 30th of the same year
- Please complete the Membership Application Form on our website and return the form by email to info@dcontario.org
- Payments can be made by cheque or by direct deposit, more information can be found on our Membership Application form

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by email at info@dcontario.org.