

# 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, operating as Distress and Crisis Ontario, 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.

A 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?

- 24-hour access to our password-protected Learning Forum that provides asynchronous training on a wide range of topics through educational video presentations and sample practice scenarios. We update content and create new modules on an ongoing basis. The hosting platform provides the opportunity for certificates upon completion of each module.
- Access to our Spirit of Volunteerism (SOV) program that hosts monthly webinars for responders to come together to network and learn.
- Participation in webinars for Member leadership to gather and discuss relevant issues pertaining to the sector and communities of practice. This year we will be focusing on accreditation and the implementation of the national 9-8-8 number.
- OADC manages the Statistics, Information, and Outcome Measures (SIOM) project that 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 substance use services.
- Promotion of our Members and their services through our updated website and social media.
- Free consultation with OADC leadership and Members, as needed, to receive support for organizational and sector-specific concerns, growth opportunities, and more.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEMBERSHIP AND THE PUBLIC

- Weekly podcasts providing information, resources, and/or interviews with subject matter experts or those with lived experience on topics related to mental health, suicidality, and substance use.
- Monthly newsletters that include trending articles and government of Ontario updates related to mental health, suicidality, substance use, wellbeing, and more.
- Access to our ongoingly improved website for updates, information, and a resource database.
- Social media posts aimed at promoting awareness and resources on mental health, wellbeing, substance use, and suicidality.
- The opportunity to attend our Annual General Meeting each year, Annual Conference(s) for training and networking, and ad hoc training events. at reduced rates

## 2024-25 MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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

**\$532.84**

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

**\$853.49**

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

**\$1,206.98**

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

## MEMBERSHIP FEE COLLECTION:

- Annual dues must be paid by April 30th of the same year
- Reminders for renewal are sent out by OADC administration in February & March of each year
- If you are interested in Membership, please complete our [Membership Application Form](#)
- Payments can be made by cheque or direct deposit, all payment 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](mailto:info@dcontario.org).

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