

About the OACAO

Who We Are

The Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO) is a not-for-profit charitable organization. The OACAO represents 165+ not-for-profit and municipal centres and organizations, 500+ staff and about 200,000 older adults. The OACAO is funded through membership fees, business partnerships, education and training ventures, management of special projects and various revenue generating initiatives and fundraisers.

Mission Statement

The OACAO is a recognized leader in the development of quality services, resources and supports for our network of community based older adult centres.

The Voice of Older Adult Centres

As the voice of older adult centres in Ontario, the OACAO serves its members in eight different regions of the province with older adult volunteer and staff representation from each region on the Board of Directors. The members come together to unify their efforts towards the development of comprehensive programs and services for the staff and volunteers responsible for the operation of older adult centres.

On-Going Projects

- Professional Development and Educational Programs including: Annual Aging Well Conference & Regional Workshops
- Membership Profile Surveys identifying characteristics, issues and trends in the sector
- Active and supportive Business Partners who provide valuable services and products for seniors/older adults
- Members-only List Serve – email network provides up to date information link to over 475 leaders in the sector
- Annual Provincial Conference with keynote speakers, workshops, resources, networking, Trade Show (Oct 29/30, 2018)
- Networking through regional development– Regional Workshops 2018 – 2019 - Engaging Men in Older Adult Centres
- Provides leadership and access to OASSIS Employee Benefit Plans for Not-For-Profits offering comprehensive and affordable employee benefits to our members and non-profit agencies. Request a quote online: www.oassisplan.com
- Advocacy with various levels of government
- Publications and resource material – Member Profile Reports
- Ongoing advocacy and support of Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs) (formerly Elderly Persons Centres - EPCs)
- Community link between SALCs and the Ministry of Seniors Affairs
- Partnership with the Ministry of Seniors Affairs to fund OACAO members and SALCs to develop and operate Seniors Information and Active Living Fairs throughout the province including a Northern Tour of Fairs in Northern Ontario
- The OACAO worked closely with the government of Ontario, to assist with their first ever grant program, the Seniors Community Grant Program which is solely dedicated to seniors in Ontario.
- EPC Impact Survey using the logic model to demonstrate the value and benefit of older adult centres (2013)
- Newsletter published 4 times per year
- Building Evaluation Capacity PGP Project funded by MCI – Evaluation Assessment, Training Tools and Resources
- Interactive Website which includes a free Job Board for OACAO members and many useful resources (redesigned in 2017) www.oacao.org

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Goals

- To be a trusted, credible, well respected, efficient and effective organization.
- To be a self- sustaining/stable funded organization.
- To be a recognized leader in resources/supports for community based older adult centres.
- To be an effective advocate to all levels of government on the issues of older adult centres.
- To support centres in meeting Government reporting requirements and to set standards to assure that OACAO members deliver quality experiences to older adults in our community.

Membership Categories

Full Member Centre – An older adult centre or senior centre that acts as a community facility providing a diversity of activities and services to the local older adult population. Fees are determined by annual gross operating expenditures.

Associate Agency – An agency, including service provider agencies, other than older adult centres, involved in work with older adults OR a municipal recreation department that does not have a dedicated older adult centre and provides recreation programs to older adults.

Seniors Club, Seniors Council – A senior citizens club, any seniors' council with no full-time staff support.

Individual – A student, volunteer, senior, friend - interested in the work of the OACAO.

Business Partnerships

Platinum (New), Gold, Silver and Conference Partnerships are available.

For further information or current fees, please contact the OACAO office at 905-584-8125 or sue@oacao.org or visit the OACAO main website at www.oacao.org

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