

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 40 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. 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 board governed non-profit organizations that provide telephone-based or chat and text-based distress and/or crisis services and/or suicide prevention services to their communities; or for a program, department or division of a community organization that specializes in telephone, chat, text and/or web based support to their communities.

**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 Canadian Distress Line Network
- 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
- 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/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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Annual dues must be paid by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for DCO's fiscal year April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- 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 Interim Executive Director at [clegate@dcontario.org](mailto:clegate@dcontario.org)

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