

## December 2017

During this time of reflection and good cheer, the Board and Staff of DCO thank you for your support of our association and our members, and we wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year.



### **New Patient Oriented Discharge Summary (PODS) Tool Helps Patients After Discharge**

Distress responders often speak or chat with individuals discharged after a hospital stay and those charged with their care after they leave the hospital or a rehab facility. This is often a very stressful time for all and any support or tools available can potentially ease that stress.

[Read more...](#)



---

### **SCC Recognize Expectations of Privacy in Text Message Conversations**

The issues of confidentiality, privacy and anonymity are central to the work performed by our DCO member organizations. As more of the support offered includes email, chat and text conversations, the following SCC decision is of interest to our sector.

[Read more...](#)



---

## Ontario Passes Amendments to Workplace Laws

The Government of Ontario passed the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017 on November 22, 2017, and some of its amendments came into force as early as December 3, 2017. Following a round of consultations, new changes have been added to Ontario's Workplace Laws including provisions for Domestic or Sexual Violence, leave for critically ill adults, and changes to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.



[Read more...](#)

---

## Canada Suicide Prevention Service (CSPS) Soft Launch

The Canada Suicide Prevention Service (CSPS) is Canada's first nationally available and regionally delivered suicide prevention service that provides suicide support via voice, chat, and text in English and French. CSPS compliments existing local and provincial services, and provides Canadians in crisis immediate and equitable access to free and confidential support on a 24-7 basis, 365 days a year.



[Read more...](#)

---

## A New Learning Forums Opportunity for Distress and Crisis Centre Staff and Call Responders: Focus on Wellness and Aging

DCO is pleased to offer a webinar series coming early in 2018. Learning Forums offers its membership the opportunity to conveniently participate in professional development through an on-line format. Look for the ad and registration details coming to your centres early in the New Year.



[Read more...](#)

---

### Have You Made Your 2017 Tax-Deductible Charitable Donation?

As the end of the year closes in, time is running

out on tax deductible donations. Did you know about 25 percent of Canadians take advantage of the sizeable benefits the government offers to those who give to registered Canadian charities? These benefits can be as much as 53 percent of your charitable donation! [Click here](#) to donate to Distress and Crisis Ontario. Thank you, and Happy Holidays!



**Close out the year in the best possible way!**

Give back today.  
Get back come tax-time.

---

## DCO Upcoming Events and Schedule of Meetings

**DCO offices will be closed for the holiday period starting at the end of December 22 and will reopen January 4th, 2018.**

### DCO Board of Directors

January 23, 2018  
April 13, 2018  
June 13, 2018

### DCO Annual General Meeting

June 23, 2018  
Location TBD

### Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition (SOV)

June 23rd, 2018  
Location: TBD

### Program & Service Recognition Presentation (PSR)

June 23rd, 2018  
Location: TBD

### Upcoming Learning Forums Lunch + Learn Session: Social Enterprises

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 12 - 1 p.m.

### Upcoming Learning Forums Videos

Aging



Distress and Crisis Ontario | Centres de Détresse et des Crises d'Ontario  
416.486.2242 | [info@dcontario.org](mailto:info@dcontario.org) | [dcontario.org](http://dcontario.org)

© 2015. All rights reserved.