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Upcoming Events...

SOV Review Committee
Meeting
July 11

Learning Forums
Filming
July 19

Lunch & Learn

Online Crisis
Services: Efficacy and
Lessons Learned,
presented by Jill Wolski
July 30

CASP2012 Steering
Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 2

Stepping Out of the Darkness: CASP 2012

Distress Centres Ontario is the host agency for the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention National Conference to be held between October 15th - 17th, overlooking the natural majestic beauty of the Niagara Falls at the Sheraton-on-the-Falls and The Crowne Plaza Hotels and Conference Centre.

The Crisis and Distress Line Conference and various pre-conference sessions will be held on October 13th and 14th, with an estimated 600 people to be in attendance at various times over the five days. [Read more.](#)

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Evidence-Based Stress Reduction

In B.C.'s Interior, crisis lines are undertaking a research study to review the impact of evidence-based stress reduction training for their frontline workers. Approximately eighty frontline workers and fifteen supervisory staff are involved in the study taking place between May 2012 and June 2013. [Read more.](#)

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Distress/Crisis Line
Conference
Sunday, Oct. 14

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Niagara Falls, ON

DCO AGM and SOV
Recognition & Awards
Dinner:
Sunday, Oct. 14
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Niagara Falls, ON

CASP/ACPS 2012
National Conference:
Oct. 15 - 17
Sheraton-on-the-
Falls Niagara Falls,
ON
Educators Stream
Oct. 17
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Niagara Falls, ON

ED Exchange:
November 15
Mississauga/QEW area
- TBA

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2012 DCO
Committee
Meetings

Education Committee
Meetings (Thursdays):
July 19
August 23
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

Board of Directors
Meetings (Tuesdays):

Episodic Volunteer Retention Discussion

In April 2012, many DCO staff and leaders attended a Lunch & Learn presentation on the topic of Volunteer Retention. The presenter, Donna Lockhart, indicated that volunteer commitment has changed in the past years to shorter periods of time, implying that we might be missing out on some valuable brain power when short-term or episodic volunteers are overlooked. [Read more.](#)



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Why Do We Love Volunteer Satisfaction Surveys?

Volunteer feedback can be a gold mine of information for not-for-profit organizations, but the most important subject to evaluate is whether the volunteer's effort has a meaningful effect on the primary work of the organization, and whether volunteers are able to see that meaning. [Read more.](#)



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5th Annual Spirit of Volunteerism Recognition

With our 5th anniversary of SOV celebrations being held in such a wonderful place as Niagara Falls, plans are underway to make it even more special by extending an invitation our past SOV nominees and recipients.

Invitations will be sent asking them to join us at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Niagara Falls on

5th
Annual
Spirit
of
Volunteerism
Recognition

July 10
September 11
November 13

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Sunday, October 14th to enjoy the celebrations and share in the pride that goes along with a Spirit of Volunteerism nomination.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to bring our distinguished volunteers, past and present, together at this wonderful event! We'll see you in Niagara Falls!

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