

Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth

**Membership:
It's a Good Business Decision!**



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Centre of Excellence for Residential Care in Ontario

*"A voice for Ontario's vulnerable children, youth,
and adults and the independent residential care
providers who serve them"*

From then to now...

OARTY is a charitable association formed in 1971 and incorporated in 1990. We are a collective voice for Ontario's vulnerable children, youth, and adults and for the independent residential care providers that serve them. We have grown from a small number of determined group and foster home providers to a membership comprising nearly one third of all independent residential care providers.



*"I enjoy watching the professional development of OARTY over the years... Not only have members greatly benefitted from this development but so have the children in our care as OARTY has consistently advocated and inspired the excellence of service delivery."
- OARTY Member*

Our Members...

OARTY members provide homes, help and hope to thousands of children, youth, and adults each year. Our members care for a wide variety of children in need, including those suffering the aftermath of abuse and neglect, requiring 24/7 care due to medical needs, and those with developmental challenges, among others. OARTY members provide vital support, a place to call home and faces that become family.

OARTY's membership includes other organizations and people who share OARTY's dedication to the vulnerable children, youth and adults that find themselves in need of the care of independent residential service providers. Together we are working towards a better future.

Member Only Benefits...

Associate Members

- Networking and Volunteer Leadership Opportunities
- Listing in print and online directories
- Access to exclusive Member Only online content
- Receipt of the "OARTY Talks" monthly e-newsletter
- Access to regular informative communications on topics and issues relevant to residential care providers
- Member Rates on OARTY meetings, events and promotional opportunities
- Complimentary one day rental of the OARTY Boardroom (based on availability)
- Affinity Program Discounts & Savings on: Automobile Purchases, Furniture Purchases, Teleconferencing and Personal Home & Auto Insurance

Interested in Associate Membership? OARTY staff are pleased to help. Contact the OARTY Office to find out more about how Associate Membership can benefit you.

Full Members

- **All Associate Member Benefits, PLUS...**
- Accreditation Communication Exchange (ACE) page – an online webpage which contains documents developed in the accreditation process
- OARTY Knowledge Experts– an online contact list of membership expertise by category
- One complimentary registration to the Annual Conference and one complimentary registration to KIND (Knowledge, Information and Networking Day)
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Voting Privileges
- Free Partners in Care Software
- Member Discounts on Extensive Liability & Automobile Insurance, Custom Designed Employee Benefit Plans, Staff Training, Tax Services, and Website Hosting & Design
- Use of Proud Member of OARTY logo

As an OARTY member, your agency will be seen as one of the best in our sector. Many OARTY member agencies are currently either accredited or working towards accreditation. Member participation in research projects and the active use of technological tools for outcomes and risk management are giving the association recognition as the premier source for research and technology in the sector. Come on board and make OARTY your association! For specific details on the exciting benefits of OARTY membership for you and your business—keep reading!



OARTY Membership and Your Business...

Company Credibility and Image Associated with Membership

OARTY is recognized as the premier source for research and technology in the sector, our Member agencies are seen as industry leaders.

Direct Marketing and Promotion of your Programs

As a Member agency you can post your programs and bed availability on IRIS, the Integrated Residential Information System. IRIS is a preferred search tool used by placement agencies to facilitate effective matching and placement of those in need of residential care and treatment.

Publicity and Exposure Through Association Membership

Inclusion in print and online membership directories; membership certificate recognizing official membership; usage of the Proud Member of OARTY logo on your agency's stationary.

Government and Public Affairs

OARTY actively advocates on behalf of its Member agencies to ensure a vibrant, fair and equitable industry. Your business will also benefit from access to valuable political, educational, media and research expertise.

Savings on Insurance and Other Cost Saving Discounts

Exclusive members-only insurance programs, with substantial savings. Member agencies also receive discounts on a wide variety of products and services, including trade show exhibition booths, e-promo packages, and major purchases such as automobiles and furniture.

A Collective Voice

As a Member of OARTY, your business is part of an influential association affecting positive governmental changes on behalf of the residential care sector in Ontario.

Voting Privileges

As a valued Member, your votes influence OARTY's strategic directions, representation on the Board of Directors and key recommendations to government.

OARTY Membership and You...

Sector Specific Training and Professional Development

OARTY's Annual Conference, KIND event, seminars and workshops provide sector specific training and professional development opportunities. Discounts are also available on training courses through Safeguards Training for Children & Adult Services.

"The opportunity to chat with colleagues & presenters in informal settings is the best part of the conference...The presenters trigger ideas for informal training & give us the opportunity to assess our own programs - also trigger ideas for new training needs." - OARTY Member

Networking and Knowledge Sharing with Peers

Network with industry leaders and participate in events which allow Members the opportunity for knowledge exchange and access knowledge sharing tools and resources online.



Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

Volunteering with OARTY provides an opportunity to strengthen your leadership capabilities by acquiring relevant knowledge and expertise about our sector. A higher confidence level and enhanced leadership skills will positively affect your agency.

Mentoring Opportunities

Mentoring opportunities exist through meeting attendance and access to experts in the sector.

Sector Specific Updates and Information

Keep abreast of new initiatives and emerging issues affecting the residential sector via OARTY's regular e-bulletins and updates at the members' only sessions at the Annual Conference and KIND events.

OARTY Makes a Difference By...

Getting children, youth and adults support sooner

Through IRIS (Integrated Residential Information System), the services our members provide can be matched up with those who need it most.



Working for higher standards and a better system

OARTY is working with government and community partners for higher standards of care, and endorses and supports members achieving third-party accreditation.

Providing a valuable resource

OARTY conducts research on a biennial basis, hosts a highly respected annual conference and regular educational events, and the OARTY website (www.oarty.net) is home to a wealth of information for both members and the public.

Our Partners....

OARTY's partners in caring for children include Children's Aid Societies, Children's Mental Health Centres, educational institutions including Ryerson University and George Brown College, hospitals, school boards, Associations for Community Living, police officers, probation officers, psychiatric facilities, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The Ontario Association of Residences Treating Youth, through its member agencies, promotes the provision of high quality residential (group & foster) care for vulnerable children, youth, young adults and their families.



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