



Ready! Set! Recruit!

Share the Benefits of OPA Membership with Your Colleagues!

Recruiting is Easy!

In fact, many new members join your Ontario Psychological Association (OPA) simply because someone asked.

Your OPA is all about you. You appreciate the value of your membership in OPA, so why not encourage others to join. You interact with your colleagues everyday...online, on the job, at conferences and workshops, and socially. So help spread the word about the benefits of belonging to our professional association. Invite them to learn more about OPA membership and how to join by visiting the OPA website at



<http://www.psych.on.ca/index.asp?id1=11>

Being named as the member who introduced them to the OPA on their Membership Application Form will entitle you to a 10% discount on your membership dues. Recruit ten new members and your own membership is **Free for One Year**.

By welcoming new members into the fold, you contribute to the growth of the OPA and the strength of our collective voice. Never has there been a more critical or exciting time to roll up our sleeves and work together, in a spirit of professional camaraderie, to advance our profession .



Membership Recruitment FAQs:

What's in it for me?

For each member you recruit you will receive a 10% discount on your dues.

What if my colleague forgets to put my name on the application form?

Contact the OPA office by telephone (416) 961-5552 or email opa@psych.on.ca to verify that your recruit has already joined or intends to do so. Once they actually join, your account will be credited when you renew your membership.



MEMBERSHIP Q AND A!

Q: Should I join OPA or CPA?

A: Ideally, you should belong to both your Provincial and National Associations. Both need your support. However, ***MOST HEALTH, EDUCATION, SOCIAL POLICY DECISIONS AND LEGISLATION*** impacting your professional practice in Ontario are made at the Provincial, *not* the National, level. Our Canadian Constitution distributes powers between the federal and provincial governments and assigns responsibilities for areas such as health, education and social services to the provinces. *Professional advocacy*, aimed at influencing public policy decisions impacting psychological practice, needs to be directed accordingly, i.e. at the provincial governments. In Ontario, the OPA plays a vital role in advocating for legislation, government policies, activities and initiatives that bear directly on psychological practice, and the well-being of the recipients of our services. The OPA also partners with the Canadian Psychological Association when common interests and goals are identified.

Q: Should I join OPA or APA?

A. Your membership in OPA directly supports advocacy, at the all important provincial level. The OPA is an *affiliate* organization of the American Psychological Association, and, as such, enjoys many of APA's resources. Through our *joint practice networks*, these valuable resources are available to you, *even if you don't currently belong to the APA*.

Q: I work in a hospital. Aren't most OPA efforts aimed at private practitioners?

A. *The OPA is committed to support and advocate on behalf of members practicing in institutions, be they hospitals, schools, community agencies or correctional facilities.* The OPA believes a vibrant and enduring presence across community and institutionally-based sectors is assured through collaboration and mutual support. The added participation of *academic psychologists in research, teaching and training* positions will also unite, strengthen our voice, and expand and enrich our perspectives.



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