

Ontario Caregiver Coalition

Advancing the Interests of Caregivers in Ontario

Ontario Caregiver Coalition Terms of Reference Draft 4

Purpose:

The Ontario Caregiver Coalition works together around the issue of caregiver support in Ontario. Caregivers are individuals who provide care and assistance for their family members and friends who are in need of support because of physical, cognitive or mental health conditions.

Objectives:

- To advance caregiver policy initiatives to government and other key decision makers in Ontario
- To advocate and raise awareness around common caregiver issues
- To initiate activities to achieve common goals
- To strategically align with Canadian Caregiver Coalition efforts

Activities:

OCC activities include but are not limited to:

- Research and production of position papers and briefing notes
- Development of policy submissions and responses to government policies
- Presentations at forums, conferences, meetings
- Engagement with partners and other organizations
- Development and implement an annual advocacy strategy

Participants:

The OCC is open to organizations and individuals who share common caregiver support objectives. Levels of engagement are as follows:

- Supporters: participate in some initiatives but are not involved in day to day operations. May choose to be publicly listed.
- Partners: donate time and/or money to the Coalition, assume responsibility for day-to-day operations, and involved in decision-making about the Coalition. Are publicly listed.

Relationship:

The Ontario Caregiver Coalition is associated with the Canadian Caregiver Coalition (CCC), which has been successfully undertaking advocacy work on behalf of caregivers since 2000.

Decision-making:

OCC operates on a consensus model.

Records:

- OCC maintains up-to-date records, including minutes of meetings, through a central secretariat
- OCC develops and maintains supporter and partner lists on an annual basis

Frequency of Meetings:

Partners in OCC meet at least quarterly, with more frequent meetings as needed.

Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually at the spring OCC meeting and amended as necessary.

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