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About OCA

The Ohio Counseling Association (OCA) is your connection to Professional Counselors across Ohio. Low-cost membership, student involvement, affordable CE-qualified educational events, and professional development experiences via regional chapters, specialty divisions, and leadership are waiting for you.

The OCA understands that you need to make every dollar work as hard as you do. Our member discounts for liability insurance, student members, educational events, Spring Conference, and the highly anticipated All Ohio Counselors Conference give you more for your money all year long! Stay connected to other professionals through a geographic chapter or career-focused division. Our ListServ provides a forum for sharing topical information, professional inquiries, and calls for advocacy.

Earn CEs through online and live events; our calendar links our members to state-wide CE education and our annual conference draws 1,500+ counselors to Columbus for three days in October and is a homecoming for everyone involved! Be part of an active Association that represents and advocates for everything that matters to you!

Member Benefits

- Professional Development
- CSWMFT CE Education
- Ethics Advice & Mentoring
- Liability Insurance Discount
- Career Opportunity Board
- Leadership Certificate Program
- Legislative Advocacy
- Chapters & Divisions
- Conference Discounts
- ListServ, Blogs, Resources

Membership Levels

Professional Membership: \$90.00 For practicing counselors, counselor educators, and supervisors working in the mental health and education fields.

New Professional Membership: \$50.00 For individuals who are within the first two years of professional licensure. OCA reserves the right to verify licensure date.

Student and CDCA Membership: \$25.00 For graduate students currently enrolled in a counselor education program or those who hold a CDCA license.

Student Insured Membership: \$50.00 For students seeking liability or malpractice insurance (\$1MIL / \$3MIL). Apply for your policy with the link in your confirmation email.

Retired Membership: \$40.00 For counselors or other related professionals who are currently retired and not actively working in the profession.

OCDP and Associate Membership: \$90.00 For individuals with a vested interest in the counseling profession, but who are not currently licensed as a professional counselor or professional clinical counselor.

Lifetime Membership: \$900.00 For a professional who wishes to purchase a lifetime membership, not requiring them to renew on a yearly basis. Cannot join/renew OCA Division memberships at this level.

Join online at
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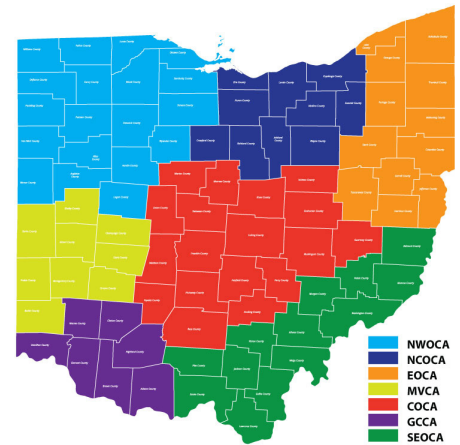
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Regional Chapters

Chapter membership is included in your membership fee.
Chapter assignment is based on residence or professional location.

- COCA:** Central Ohio Counseling Association
- EOCA:** Eastern Ohio Counseling Association
- GCCA:** Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association
- MVCA:** Miami Valley Counseling Association
- NCOCA:** North Central Ohio Counseling Association
- NWOCA:** Northwest Ohio Counseling Association
- SEOCA:** Southeast Ohio Counseling Association



Specialty Divisions

Optional; additional fees apply.

ACACO: Association of Child and Adolescent Counselors Ohio

The mission of ACACO is to promote a greater awareness, advocacy, and understanding of children and adolescents, as defined as the ages from birth through adolescence, among members of the counseling profession and related helping fields; advance developmentally appropriate prevention and intervention strategies for counseling children and adolescents; provide professional development activities to improve education and training of counselors who work with children and adolescents; and disseminate educational and professional materials with the purpose of raising the standards of practice for children and adolescents in counseling, psychotherapy, and mental health.

OACES: Ohio Association for Counselor Education & Supervision

OACES strives to advance the preparation, life-long professional development, and supervision of counselors and to enhance counseling services in all settings. Professional members of OACES support the transformative growth and development of students as they matriculate through master's and doctoral counselor education programs throughout the state.

OACPP: Ohio Association for Counselors in Private Practice (Coming Soon!)

OACPP focuses on empowering counselors who work in a private practice setting by providing education, networking opportunities, updates on relevant legal, ethical, and legislative issues, and a collective voice at the state level. The OACPP supports private practice clinicians, supervisors, managers, and owners through professional development opportunities for building knowledge, skills, and community.

OAMCD: Ohio Association for Multicultural Counseling & Development

OAMCD is a professional counseling organization which values the integrity and dignity of all persons regardless of cultural differences and upholds high standards for professionalism. OAMCD is committed to incorporating culture in the counseling process and serving the needs of underrepresented groups.

OARTC: Ohio Association for Resiliency and Trauma Counseling

The mission of OARTC is to lead Ohio in training and sustaining trauma-informed counselors and developing trauma-informed best practices to enhance and promote the welfare and resiliency of the individuals, families, and communities we serve.

OASERVIC: Ohio Association for Spiritual, Ethical, & Religious Values in Counseling

OASERVIC is devoted to professionals who believe that spiritual, ethical, religious, and other human values are essential to the full development of the person and to the discipline of counseling. This division of OCA stresses the "SPIRIT" in the "Mind - Body - Spirit" process of counseling. Nearly every day, we are confronted with events and discoveries that challenge our ethical common sense. The mission of OASERVIC is to provide a forum for informed and thoughtful consideration of these issues and how they affect counselor education, the counseling profession, and the client-counselor relationship.

OASGW: Ohio Association for Specialists in Group Work

The mission of OASGW is to assist and further the interests of children, youth, and adults by seeking to provide effective services through the group medium consistent with the goals of the Association for Specialists in Group Work. Specifically, the goals are to promote group work, facilitate maximum development, and remediate disabling behaviors and patterns. Additionally, we promote group training, education, research, standards, and service in the field of group work.

OCCA: Ohio College Counseling Association

OCCA is focused on providing support for counseling professionals who work in higher education settings. The mission of OCCA is to enhance the professional development of those who work in university, college, community, and technical college settings.

OCDA: Ohio Career Development Association

OCDA promotes the career development of all people over the life-span. To achieve this, OCDA provides service to the public and professionals involved with or interested in career development, including professional development activities, research, public information, professional standards, and advocacy.

OCSJ: Ohio Counselors for Social Justice

The mission of OCSJ is to empower, unite, and support counselors in the promotion of social justice throughout Ohio by identifying and confronting oppressive systems of power and privilege that affect our clients, our profession, and our state.

OMHCA: Ohio Mental Health Counselors Association

OMHCA represents mental health counselors who are advocating for client-access to quality services within the health care industry. OMHCA is committed to promoting the profession of mental health counseling. OMHCA actively monitors legislation on both the state and federal level that impacts the ability of LPCs and LPCCs to practice their profession. In addition to meeting with legislators and state administrators, OMHCA also communicates with leaders in private industry to educate them about the use of LPCs and LPCCs as specialists in the delivery of behavioral healthcare services, encouraging the inclusion of LPCs and LPCCs on managed-care provider panels. OMHCA is also committed to providing professional development opportunities for Ohio mental health counselors.

OSUDP: Ohio Substance Use Disorders Professionals

The mission of OSUDP is to promote a greater awareness, advocacy, and understanding of substance use disorder issues and support for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders. Services include MH counseling, referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organization providing additional support.

SAIGEO: The Society for Sexual, Affective, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities of Ohio

SAIGE of Ohio's (SAIGEO; formerly ALGBTICO) mission is to promote greater awareness, understanding, and advocacy for LGBTQ+ issues among members of the counseling profession, students, the clients they serve, and related helping occupations.