



GUIDE TO

Ontario Aboriginal HIV AIDS Strategy MEMBERSHIP

Oahas is a provincial Indigenous-led and Indigenous governed harm reduction and AIDS Service Organization (ASO). Our mission is to support healthy thriving Indigenous communities through education, access to testing, service navigation support, and harm reduction to reduce the transmission of HIV and HCV. Geographically, we are the only Indigenous AIDS Service Organization with a provincial reach, with our administrative office in Barrie and program sites in London, Toronto, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, and Thunder Bay.

I NTENTIONAL

The Oahas organizational Members are:

- Interested community members and individuals who register ANNUALLY for membership
- Eligible to run for a Board of Directors position
- The Founding Directors of Oahas

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Not all clients are organizational Members

Organizational Membership is NOT by default upon client intake nor is it required to access Oahas programs and services

*Clients, program participants and their families may **CHOOSE** to become organizational Members based on eligibility set by the laws that govern Oahas (e.g., ONCA, Oahas by-laws, etc.)*

E LIGIBILITY

Who can become an organizational Member?

REQUIRED

- Indigenous
 - 18 years of age or over
 - Anyone interested in supporting the goals and objectives of Oahas
- and*
- Have not been an Oahas staff member for over a year

OPTIONAL

- A trusted community member, a community network member, or work within the sector professional/volunteers
- Potentially, those involved (past or present) on Oahas committees
- A person living with HIV, a diagnosis of Hepatitis C, currently using harm reduction services

R ESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend the annual Members' meeting and special Members' meetings
- Appoint the auditors for Oahas auditors
- Accept the annual audited financial statements
- Appoint the Oahas Board of Directors
- Accept the Oahas By-laws as required

B ENEFITS

- Receive Oahas Annual Reports
- Receive Notice of Meetings
- Be eligible for Board election
- Vote on by-law changes
- Gain experience within a community-driven non-profit agency

TO APPLY: [PLEASE VISIT US @ OAHAS.ORG](http://OAHAS.ORG)
[BECOME A MEMBER](#)