

**Ontario Association of Women's Centres (OAWC)
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Provincial Organizations

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<p>Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH) http://www.oaith.ca OAITH is a provincial coalition primarily of first stage emergency shelters for abused women and their children. The Association works together with member shelters and allies to educate and promote changes in all areas that abused women and their children identify as important to their freedom from violence.</p>	<p>End violence against women and support women through public advocacy in achieving equality and freedom from violence</p>	<p>The Step it Up Campaign for better, faster government action on violence against women is a coalition of groups that was initiated by OAITH. http://www.stepitupontario.ca/10-steps/step-1.html (Detailed descriptions of each of the 10 steps for government action. This is a campaign focused on the 2007 provincial election).</p>	<p>Make your Politicians Step it Up http://www.stepitupontario.ca/about/how-your-politicians.html (A list of ways to influence politicians)</p>	<p>Eileen Morrow, OAITH Coordinator oaith@web.ca 416-977-6619</p>
	<p>Racism and oppression in all its forms that creates ongoing barriers to women's equality.</p>	<p>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Information Sheet http://www.oaith.ca/pdf/March212007_IDERD.pdf (Background information, examples of where racism and oppression create barriers for women actions to take to fight racism).</p>	<p>Press Release http://www.oaith.ca/pdf/StepItUpMediaRelease_IDERD_FINAL.pdf (Calling for Ontario government action on racism and violence against women).</p>	

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<p>Ontario Women's Justice Network (OWJN) http://www.owjn.org OWJN is an online legal resource for women's organizations and individuals working on issues related to justice and violence against women and children.</p>	<p>Rights and protection for non-status immigrants living in Canada.</p>	<p>Rights of Non-Status Women Network http://www.owjn.org/action/non-status.htm (Describes barriers faced by non-status women and how they are at a higher risk of violence. OWJN partners with several other organizations on this initiative).</p>	<p>Declaration http://www.ocasi.org/status/declaration.shtml (Declaration calling for the Canadian government to allow all non-status immigrants the opportunity to regularize their status in order to become permanent residents in Canada).</p>	<p>owjn@web.ca 416-392-3148</p>
<p>DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN) Ontario http://dawn.thot.net The DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN) Ontario is a cross-disability organization working towards access, equity, and full participation of women with disabilities through public education, coalition-building, self-advocacy and resource development.</p>	<p>Equality and access to services for women and girls with disabilities.</p>	<p>Fact Sheets on Women with Disabilities http://dawn.thot.net/fact.html (Outlines the many barriers to equality women with disabilities face).</p>	<p>Advocacy Tool Kit http://dawn.thot.net/advocacy_toolkit.html (Provides steps to follow for communicating with public officials through meetings and letters).</p> <p>Media Kit http://dawn.thot.net/media.html (Provides tips on how to use the media effectively for advocacy work).</p>	<p>Barb Anello dawnontario@sympatico.ca</p>

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<p>ACTEW http://www.actew.org A Commitment to Training and Employment for Women) is a provincial network of supporters, trainers, and organizations delivering employment and training services to women. ACTEW works to advance public education related to women's employment and training issues.</p>	<p>Impact of access to quality child care on women's ability to gain and retain quality employment.</p>	<p>Child Care Employment Facts http://www.actew.org/projects/pwpsite/snapshots/childcare.html (Gives information and statistics related to the impact scarce, expensive child care has on supporting women's economic advancement and building the labour force).</p>		<p>Paula Wansborough, Project Researcher info@actew.org 416-599-3590</p>
	<p>Rise of contingent work and its negative impact on women.</p>	<p>Women and Contingent Work Employment Facts http://www.actew.org/projects/pwpsite/snapshots/contingent.html (Gives information and statistics on how the rise in contingent work may limit women's economic success).</p>		
	<p>Barriers to economic success for immigrant women.</p>	<p>Immigrant Women Employment Facts http://www.actew.org/projects/pwpsite/snapshots/immigrant.html (Information and statistics on how immigrant women face barriers to quality employment, income protection and pensions despite high education levels).</p>		
	<p>Difficulties women face in accessing employment insurance.</p>	<p>Employment Insurance Employment Facts http://www.actew.org/projects/pwpsite/snapshots/ei.html (Information and statistics on issues unemployed women face in accessing employment insurance benefits).</p>		

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<p>Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres (OCRCC) http://www.ocrcc.ca</p> <p>The Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres works for the prevention and eradication of sexual assault, including rape. Acting as an advisory body to governments, institutions and community groups, OCRCC also maintains a position of responsibility for provincial and national advocacy.</p>	<p>Prevention and eradication of sexual assault.</p>	<p>Make My Community Safe – End Sexual Violence Campaign Information sheet http://www.ocrcc.ca/juneinfosheet.pdf (Info sheet on sexual harassment that describes responsibility for stopping sexual harassment and what can be done to help end sexism).</p>	<p>Media Release http://www.ocrcc.ca/juneinforelease.pdf (Outlines demands for action by government and for a multi level, cross sectoral, inter disciplinary anti sexual violence strategy).</p> <p>Post card http://www.ocrcc.ca/postcard%20ENG.pdf (For use in a mailing campaign) .</p>	<p>info@ocrcc.ca 416-597-1171</p>
	<p>Abuse of older women.</p>	<p>Make My Senior Years Safe- End Elder Abuse Campaign Information Sheet http://www.ocrcc.ca/janinfosheet.pdf (Defines elder abuse, warning signs, barriers to disclosure and some ways to address the issue).</p>	<p>Media Release http://www.ocrcc.ca/janrelease.pdf (Describes the need for attention and demands resources from government to end abuse of older women).</p>	
<p>Older Women's Network Ontario http://www.olderwomensnetwork.org</p> <p>A voice for mid-life and older women on issues relating to security and justice for midlife and older women.</p>	<p>Housing needs of older women.</p>	<p>Housing Needs of Mid Life and Older Women http://www.olderwomensnetwork.org/housing_factor.htm (Describes findings of research into housing issues for mid-life and older women).</p>	<p>Housing Statement http://www.olderwomensnetwork.org/housing-statement.htm (Calls for all levels of government to support housing options for women).</p>	<p>info@olderwomensnetwork.org 416-214-1518</p>