



**OCAPDD / AOCPTDI
Open Hands**

The Ottawa Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD)/Open Hands is recruiting new volunteer Board members.

Are you interested in?

- ✓ helping to ensure that community members with developmental disabilities enjoy full, meaningful and productive lives; and,
- ✓ that they contribute to, and benefit from the communities in which they live and work

By joining the OCAPDD Board, you will be involved in:

- ✓ providing Board and governance leadership,
- ✓ fostering community engagement,
- ✓ advocating for the Developmental Services Sector
- ✓ developing strategic and innovative policy for Disability Support,
- ✓ shaping organizational Vision, Mission, and Core Values,
- ✓ providing fiscal oversight and planning, and
- ✓ supporting senior staff and OCAPDD's dedicated, highly skilled workforce

Ongoing (2 years, renewable) up to 8 years

Application Deadline: May 3, 2024

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Description

Founded in 1955, OCAPDD is a leading local organization that is a dynamic and innovative community not-for-profit organization providing a diverse array of programs and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and complex care requirements. OCAPDD is a partially designated bilingual agency, providing a range of supports and services in the greater Ottawa area and in Cornwall.

There will be an opportunity for membership on the volunteer Board of Directors commencing September 2024.

The Board of Directors is a mix of individuals including both those with direct family experience and community minded volunteers whose knowledge and skills strengthen the Board in fulfilling its governance responsibilities. Board members support those OCAPDD currently serves, along

with advocating for expanded capacity and a better life for people with developmental disabilities and the wider community.

In particular, the OCAPDD Board seeks volunteer candidates with previous Board experience and awareness of the local and provincial social services system for those with developmental disabilities who require access to lifelong services and support. Bilingual capacity, while not a requirement, is an asset. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in one or more of the following areas: policy planning, fiduciary oversight, inter-agency collaboration, communications, government and community advocacy, social enterprise, and organizational and governance evaluation.

How will this opportunity benefit the volunteer?

The successful volunteer will gain valuable learning, life and policy governance experience from enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities and their families, as well as the greater community in this Director role. These contributions evolve from within OCAPDD's organization core to meeting vital needs in community, from primary individual physical and emotional needs to inclusion and participation opportunities. OCAPDD is highly respected for the level of excellence of service it delivers, and is highly regarded for its continued expansion of programs and supports for those it exists to serve and for confidence in what it will accomplish in the future.

How will the organization benefit?

OCAPDD is a provincially funded charitable, not-for-profit organization. Volunteers at all levels of the organization are a vital and valued component of the organization through a variety of contributions. The Board of Directors consists of 13 members. There are two vacant Director positions commencing in September 2024. Key to all volunteers on the Board is their deep commitment to making lives better for people living with a developmental disability and their commitment to improving their community.

Time Commitment

Typically, the Board of Directors convenes for a minimum of 6 meetings each year plus an Annual General Meeting. There are also vital Board committee participation opportunities.

Volunteer location:

229 Colonnade Road South, Ottawa

Application Next Steps:

For further background information please telephone: (613)596-8993 ext. 223

To apply to this position please submit a letter of interest and a current C.V. to the attention of the Board Chair at: ocapdd@ocapdd.on.ca

Timeline:

All applicants will be contacted within three weeks of their application being received. Details regarding the opportunity for an interview will be provided.

Other Considerations:

- Personal and/or professional references will be required;
- An interview/selection process will be conducted;
- This position can accommodate persons with a disability, as well as broad inclusion, equity and diversity principles.