



April 22, 2015

**Announcement:  
Change in Renewal Date and Rates**

Dear Members

It has been 3 years since the board of the OACYC dramatically reduced the membership fees to \$80.00. The rate reduction reflected the OACYC's mandate to ensure membership was accessible to all Child and Youth Care professionals. This was a three-year initiative and all fees were frozen. Our goal was to increase membership to meet the number of members required for legislation. The good news is that we have increased membership in the past three years and plan to continue moving forward towards legislation with your ongoing membership and support.

This year's membership renewal will be the last one that we hold during the month of June. We have found that this timing has not been well received by our members who are engaged in making holiday plans and thinking about beautiful summer days. We also find that October is a better time for our students and new professionals to renew their memberships. It makes sense to have one membership renewal date for all.

While it is time to raise the membership fees, we remain committed to ensuring that membership is accessible to all. This increase in membership fees comes with the following changes:

- Your membership will renew this year on June 15 and will be active until October 15, 2016. This year your membership will cover 16 months. Next year it will be for the usual 12 months from October 15, 2016 to October 15, 2017.
- Your membership, as a professional member, professional certified member and student member will include the new Relational Child and Youth Care e-journal. This journal will be published four times each year and will be made available to members on line.

We will not process any new applications for the remainder of this membership year unless members clearly let us know that they want to start now and will be prepared to renew again in June.

We will make the new membership forms available on May 1, 2015, with the new dates, the new rate and our new name and address.

New Memberships rates:

Organizational	\$200.00 or reciprocal membership
Professional and Professional certified	\$95.00
Student	\$40.00
New Grads	\$50.00

Respectfully yours,

Christine Gaitens  
President of the Board  
Ontario Association of Child & Youth Care