



REGIONAL REPS FALL NEWSLETTER 2020

Thank you for joining us at the Virtual Teams Meeting with the Provincial School Attendance Counsellor, Christine Riedel and the Enrolment Team. It is so beneficial to be able to ask questions...especially this year. A copy of the Q & A will be posted on the website (for members only) after the document has been vetted by the Enrolment Team.

OACAS Regional Reps 2020-2021

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O.A.C.A.S. Website
www.oacas.ca

Tidbits:

- OACAS course – T.B.A.
- Annual conference is presently on hold
- Virtual meeting with the Ministry Team will be arranged in the Winter for members only

****Milestones****

After 40 years of being an Attendance Counsellor with Simcoe County District School Board, **Norma Oraziotti** is retiring on October 30, 2020!!!! Norma has truly been an asset to SCDSB, her schools, students, parents and community. We want to thank you for sharing your expertise and experiences with many of us across the province over the years so we can be a **strong voice** for our students and families. Your SCDSB and OACAS family will miss you and the fabulous suppers you have hosted. Happy retirement Norma.....we wish you good health, happiness and virtual hugs!!!

Is your membership up to date?

OACAS Membership is growing – way to get those memberships in early! \$50 if before November 15th. Keep an eye on our website www.oacas.ca and our Facebook page for ongoing updates.

- Member only access to the OACAS website
- Attend virtual meetings to get up to date information from the Ministry
- Collegial support



CHRONIC ABSENCE
20 or more days/year

WARNING SIGNS
11 TO 19 days/year

SATISFACTORY
Less than 10 days/year

Orv Watson Award

This award is given annually in recognition of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their profession, to the OACAS and to the community. The 2019 recipient was Erin Fitzgerald, Attendance Counsellor, Near North District School board. Deadline for nominations is February 01, 2021. Nominations can only be accepted by a current and active member of OACAS and the nominee must also be a current and active member of the OACAS.

Here's how you nominate- 1) submit a formal letter of nomination to the OACAS secretary- Marsha Sylvia - marsha.sylvia@ucdsb.on.ca that includes person or person(s) making the nomination (names, school boards, telephone numbers) and the individual being nominated by February 01. 2) Letters of support for the nomination for the Orv Watson award specifically (to be submitted after February 01)- Letters supporting the individual from a variety of sources which must include their contribution to the profession of Attendance Counselling, the past and/or present involvement with OACAS, present employer i.e. supervisor, superintendent and their community.

If you require further details about the Orv Watson award, please contact Marsha Sylvia at marsha.sylvia@ucdsb.on.ca



OACAS Certification

The criteria to receive such a certificate is....

1. A letter from your supervisor or superintendent, confirming that you have been in an Attendance Counsellor role for over a 2-year period,
2. Verification of the completion of the 2-day Attendance Counsellor course offered to all School Boards across Ontario by our OACAS counsellor instructors.
3. A copy of a degree or diploma in either child care or social service. And lastly...
4. You must be an active member of the Ontario Association for Counselling and Attendance Services (OACAS).

Email or mail all these documentations to Elisabeth.Hoskins@lkdsb.net and the committee will have all credentials reviewed. These certificates are only issued and presented yearly at our conferences, (whether virtual or face to face) however, if an individual is unable to attend our conference, following the conference, a certificate could be forwarded to your specific work place location.

Like what you see? Make sure your membership is up-to-date to continue to receive newsletters and updates from the O.A.C.A.S. Executive.