

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants

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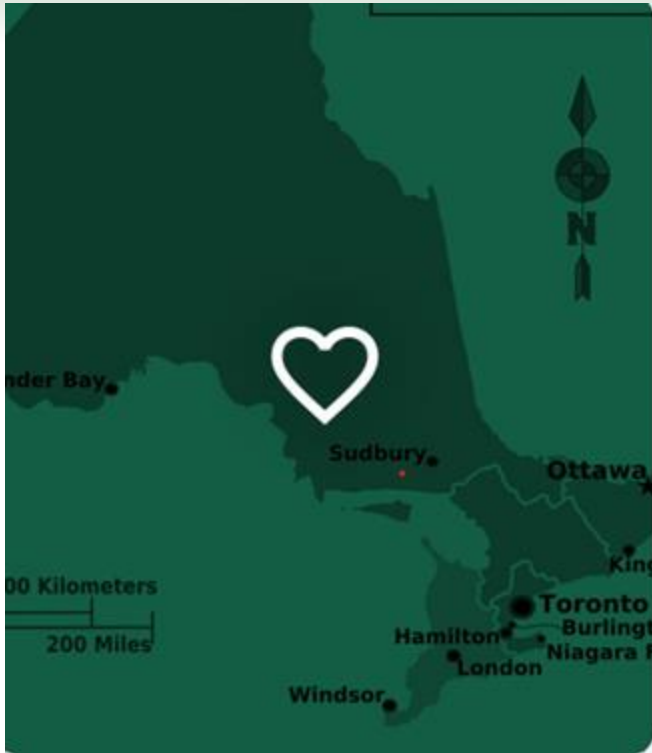
Who We Are: A provincial umbrella organization representing over **250 member agencies** supporting immigrants and refugees across Ontario.

Mission: Championing **equity and human rights** through advocacy, collective action, research, and capacity-building.

Vision: A country of **equity and social justice** where **everyone belongs**. **Core Values:**

- **Social Justice:** Upholding human rights and equity.
- **Accountability:** Transparency and integrity.
- **Solidarity:** Ending racism and oppression.
- **Innovation:** Promoting excellence through evidence-based practices.

251 Member Agencies across Ontario



Member agencies divided by region

Central East: 14 (5.5%)

Central West: 22 (9%)

East: 22 (9%)

North: 14 (5.5%)

South: 17 (7%)

Toronto: 141 (56%)

West: 21 (8%)

OCASI Members are located across Ontario in major cities, towns and small communities from Thunder Bay to Fort Erie, and from Windsor to Ottawa. More than half of all OCASI members are located in Toronto.

OCASI's Policy for Advocacy: Centered on Member Priorities

- **Immigration Status Regularization:**
Advocating for a broad, comprehensive program to regularize immigration status, a key priority woven into nearly all of OCASI's advocacy efforts.
- **Refugee Claimant Support:**
Calling on all levels of government to address the **shelter and housing crisis** impacting refugee claimants.
- **Racial-Equity Review:**
Urging for an **independent racial-equity review** of Canada's immigration and refugee system to address systemic discrimination.
- **Countering Racism and Hate:**
Continuing to combat racism and hate targeting **Black, Asian, Muslim communities** and refugee claimants in partnership with allies and stakeholders.

Programs and Initiatives: OCASI's programs and initiatives; they are tools for collective action and systems change. For example:

- **Canadian Network for Equity and Racial Justice (CNERJ)** / collaboration with Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change, Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice and the Government of Canada.
- **Capacity Building and Training for Small Black-led and Racialized Organizations**
- **Colour of Poverty – Colour of Change (COP-COC)**
- **The IRCNFF Campaign (Immigrant and Refugee Communities – Neighbours, Friends, and Families)** raises awareness about GBV in newcomer communities and equips service providers with culturally appropriate resources.
- **The Precarious Migrant Strategy** focuses on addressing the unique challenges of individuals without status, advocating for their inclusion and protection.

Programs and Initiatives

- OCASI hosts practical **programs** and created websites and **resources** that create access to social, economic and political participation of newcomers in Ontario. We work on specific activities to provide needed services to sector workers, create collaborative initiatives and enhanced access to professional development and skills development across our sector.

OCASI's Media Releases and statements...

- <https://ocasi.org/immigration-levels-plan-leaves-behind-refugees-families-and-people-without-status>
- <https://ocasi.org/ocasi-statement-equity-and-fairness-international-students>
- <https://ocasi.org/ocasi-calls-speaker-lift-ban-keffiyehs>
- <https://ocasi.org/ocasi-statement-ontario-governments-declaration-intimate-partner-violence-ipv-epidemic>
- <https://ocasi.org/ocasi-calls-comprehensive-and-inclusive-status-regularization-program>
- <https://ocasi.org/ocasi-statement-support-trans-rights-2slgbtqi-communities>
- <https://ocasi.org/ocasi-statement-elected-leaders-must-do-better-%E2%80%93-stand-against-racism-and-xenophobia>
- <https://ocasi.org/forward-ever-0>

Thanks!

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