



Okaloosa-Walton Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Membership Application

The Okaloosa-Walton Domestic Violence Coordinating Council was founded in 1997 and represents Okaloosa and Walton County. The OWDVCC is a coordinated community response council which pulls together the many agencies and practitioners who respond to domestic violence cases to strengthen the links between individual agencies and general systems to include, but not limited to, law enforcement, prosecution, the court system, victim advocacy, mental health, offender treatment, probation, health care, and child protection. The general council meets quarterly, alternating between meeting locations in Okaloosa and Walton County. Several subcommittees with specific purposes meet more frequently based on the needs of the group.

Mission Statement:

To improve coordination and responses between agencies, departments, and the courts relating to offender accountability, victim safety, and child safety in family domestic violence cases as defined by the key agencies.

To promote effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques to be developed based on research and data collection.

To promote professional enhancement strategies to include but not limited to continuing education, decorum, networking, and relationship building.

Members have voting privileges; however, general meetings are open to anyone in the community. Due to the sensitive nature of some meetings, subcommittee meetings are not always open to the public. Because the OWDVCC's mission includes collaboration and coordination among the community partners, members are encouraged to participate on a subcommittee in which they have a level of expertise. However, participating on a committee that is different from your current job is also beneficial as it adds a different perspective to each committee.

In addition to belonging to a subcommittee, there are some other ways members help achieve our goals:

- Educating the public about Intimate Partner Violence and resources for survivors
- Providing training to the OWDVCC in your area of expertise
- Participating in fund-raising activities (to pay for website, annual training, etc.)
- Recognizing/nominating community members for the Shining Light Award
- Planning and attending the annual training conference

Please visit our website: www.owdvcc.org

OWDVCC, P.O. Box 220, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549



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Annual Membership Dues **\$20.00 for Individuals** and **\$40.00 for Agencies** (unlimited members)

Make checks payable to Shelter House with OWDVCC in the memo section

Annual membership dues collected at the first meeting of each calendar year

Name _____ **Title** _____

First Middle Last

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Agency/Employer _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Type of business or organization _____

Primary service(s) and area/population served _____

Please list organizations, boards, and committees that you serve on, or have served on
(business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, non-profit, social)

Organization	Role/Title	Approximate Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Skills, experience and interests (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events, Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration, Policy Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal/ Grant writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations, Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> 501-C Application Experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach, Advocacy | |



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Education/Training/Certificates

Please tell us anything else you'd like to share

Please check one or more of the subcommittees you are interested in participating:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Team/Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Walton County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Steering Committee Leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Awareness/Training | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

By joining the Okaloosa Walton Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, I pledge to make every effort to be a contributing member, attend meetings, participate in training to become better informed on these issues, and facilitate the mission.

Signature **Date**

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

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