Membership Classifications & Benefits
The Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) is a not-for-profit, professional association serving Ohio's 46 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs or Community Health Centers) and FQHC Look-Alikes (FQHC-LA) at over 260 care delivery sites in both urban and rural areas throughout the state. OACHC's Mission is to ensure access to high-quality, affordable health care for all Ohioans through the growth and development of Ohio's Community Health Centers.

OACHC offers three types of membership; Organizational, Affiliate and Individual. Membership terms run from April 1 through March 31 annually.

### Organizational Membership

Organizational Membership shall be available to Ohio Incorporated entities or government body designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA) under Section 330 of the Public Health Act or an organization designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike (FQHC-LA) by HRSA. Organizational Membership shall also be available to a Federally Qualified Health Center Sub-Grantee with a Contractual Relationship with another OACHC Organizational member dated on or before October 17, 2008 for as long as these entities maintain Sub-Grantee relationships. OACHC shall neither take a position nor take part in any Grantee/Sub-Grantee disputes.

I. Each Organizational Member shall be entitled to one vote for the Board of Directors.

II. Expectations of Organizational Members:

   - a. Attend at least three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors on a yearly basis.
   - b. Participate on a Board committee of OACHC.

III. Organizational Members shall not represent or speak on behalf of OACHC in any instance.

IV. Organizational Members are not automatically entitled to receive a letter of support or endorsement on any project or proposal from OACHC. All requests for letters of support must be submitted to OACHC.

### Organizational Membership Benefits

- Involvement in OACHC governance including voting privileges & Board Committee participation
- Public Policy and Advocacy
- Eligible for membership to the Ohio Quality Improvement Network (OQIN)
• Educational programs and professional development
• Health professional recruitment support
• Expert technical assistance
• OACHC Benefit Program
• Reduced conference and training fees
• Exhibiting opportunities

• Monthly e-newsletters and other regular publications
• Access to Members Only section of OACHC website
• Participation in OACHC peer networking groups
• Inclusion in OACHC networks and directories
• Leadership and networking opportunities

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**Affiliate Membership**

Affiliate Membership shall be available to non-direct care provider organizations, practices, agencies, institutions or foundations which support the mission of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and its Organizational Members and are not otherwise eligible for Organizational Membership. The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, reject any application for Affiliate Membership with or without cause.

I. Affiliate Members shall be non-voting and ineligible to attend Board of Director’s meetings or serve on Board committees.

II. Affiliate Members shall not represent or speak on behalf of OACHC in any instance.
III. Affiliate Members are not automatically entitled to receive a letter of support or endorsement on any project or proposal from OACHC nor should they imply in any way that such an endorsement from OACHC is implicit in their status as Affiliate Member. All requests for letters of support must be submitted to OACHC.

**Affiliate Membership Benefits**
- Educational programs and professional development
- Expert technical assistance
- Limited reduced conference and training fees
- Monthly e-newsletters and other regular publications
- OACHC Benefit Program
- Inclusion in OACHC networks and directories
- Networking & exhibiting opportunities

**Affiliate Membership Annual Dues: $1000**

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**Individual Membership**
Individual Membership shall be available to any individual with an interest in primary health care services to all persons regardless of their social or economic circumstances and who is not otherwise eligible for Organizational or Affiliate Membership.

I. Individual Members shall be non-voting and ineligible to attend Board of Director’s meetings or serve on Board committees.

II. Individual Members shall not represent or speak on behalf of OACHC in any instance.

III. Individual Members are not entitled to receive a letter of support or endorsement on any project or proposal from OACHC nor should they imply in any way that such an endorsement from OACHC is implicit in their status as Individual Member. All requests for letters of support must be submitted to OACHC.

**Individual Membership Benefits**
- Educational programs and professional development
- Limited reduced conference and training fees
- Monthly e-newsletters and other regular publications
- Inclusion in OACHC networks and directories
- Networking opportunities

**Students may be eligible for a discounted rate.**