

# Ohio Advocate Network

## For Registration and Training

Since 1994, the Ohio Advocate Network has been registering qualified Victim Advocates and Allied Professionals in Ohio. For over 20 years the fee structure, registration requirements and application process have remained largely unchanged. Dedicated to professionalizing the field of victim advocacy and maintaining a best-practice approach for credentialing, **the Ohio Advocate Network Review Committee has enacted several updates to OAN registration policy and procedure.** These necessary updates were crafted with a continuing commitment to offering a credentialing process in Ohio which is achievable, affordable, and meaningful. Please carefully review the list below, paying particular attention to the date of enforcement for each individual update (appearing in parentheses).

- The Training Area Guideline (TAG) List has been revised. (June 2016)
- All New Applicants - a minimum of **24 hours** of pre-registration training is required, and all training must have been completed within the 4-year period prior to submission of the application for registration with OAN. (June 2017)
- All New Applicants - pre-registration training completed via an electronic format (such as a webinar or on-line module) will be limited to a maximum of 6 hours. (Dec 2016)
- All Renewing Applicants - a minimum of **24 hours** of continuing education training is required for each 2-year registration cycle, and must be completed in the 2-year period. (June 2017)
- All Renewing Applicants - continuing education training completed via an electronic format (such as a webinar or on-line module) will be limited to a maximum of 6 hours for each 2-year registration cycle. (Dec 2016)
- Lapsed Applicants - if the registration has been expired for more than four years, an applicant is considered “lapsed” and must apply for Re-Activation at time of Renewal. (June 2016)
- All Applicants applying to Re-Activate & Renew - continuing education training must have been completed during the 4-year period prior to submission of application for Renewal. (Dec 2016)
- Application Fee Increase (June 2017)
  - New Application - \$40
  - Renewal Application - \$20
  - Renew & Upgrade Application - \$40
  - Re-Activation Fee - \$20 (this is in addition to the fee to Renew, or to Renew & Upgrade)
- All application fees are Non-Refundable, regardless of decision to approve/decline. (Dec 2016)
- Direct Service Hours Requirement Increase (June 2017)
  - Registered Advocate: 1950 hours (1 year full-time equivalent)
  - Registered Advocate with Advanced Standing: 7,800 hours (4 years full-time equivalent)
  - Registered Advocate with Senior Standing: 11,700 hours (6 years full-time equivalent)

If you have questions regarding updates, you may call OAN Chair Teri LaJeunesse at 937-562-5087, or submit questions by email to [tlajeunesse@co.greene.oh.us](mailto:tlajeunesse@co.greene.oh.us) or [ohioadvocatenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ohioadvocatenetwork@gmail.com).