

Volunteer Training – Spring 2022*Free Admittance* (Minimum age 21)

Note: All sessions will be held virtually via Zoom, 6 to 8 PM

1. Fundamentals of Circles of Support and Accountability*Wednesday, May 11*

Presenters: CoSA-Ottawa staff

- History of and research on CoSA, Circle functioning, confidentiality and limits of confidentiality
- Circle Members' Expectations and Responsibilities; Boundaries; Reporting requirements
- Video on CoSA

2. Offending Behaviour and Treatment Approach*Wednesday, May 18*

Presenter: Dr. Geris Serran, Psychologist, Correctional Services of Canada

3. Assessments and Treatment at the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre*Wednesday, May 25*

Presenter: Heather Tarnai-Feely, Social Worker, The Royal, Sexual Behaviours Clinic

4. Male Sexual Trauma*Wednesday, June 1*Presenter: Rick Goodwin, Clinical Director, Men and Healing www.menandhealing.ca**5. Legal Controls***Wednesday, June 8*

Presenter: Det. Ron McCarthy, Ottawa Police Service (High Risk Unit)

- Police Controls (810 Orders, Public Notification, Sex Offender Registry), Community Supervision

Following the **Basic Training** (sessions #1-5), we will conduct **volunteer screening** (interview with two staff and a Board member; references checked). Successful applicants will be required to obtain a Police Check (**cost minimized to CoSA volunteers**). *Approved* volunteers will then proceed to the final session.

6. Practical Applications of CoSA (with active and new, *approved* volunteers)*Wednesday, June 22*

Facilitated by CoSA-Ottawa Staff

- A core member will share their story
- Discussion and Q&A with experienced volunteers and staff (common challenges, what works, working intentionally with a core member, etc.)

At any point during the training, attendees can choose to discontinue the training. Attending all or a portion of the training does not obligate participants to become a CoSA volunteer. **A certificate will be issued to participants who complete *all* training sessions.**

