

News Release

Ontario Trillium Foundation gives Grant to Oolagen to Build Organizational Capacity

Oolagen is pleased to announce support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The grant is to help build their organizational capacity to attract and retain volunteers and supporters. This support will be used to upgrade Oolagen's website and help develop their communications capacity.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation provides grants to non-profit agencies to help build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

"We need professional looking tools, but as a small agency, we can't afford to do this on our own. Our priority is to help youth at-risk and their families. Through our partnership with the Ontario Trillium Foundation, our materials can finally reflect the outstanding work that we do in the community," says Bob Engel, Executive Director of Oolagen.

Oolagen, a Toronto-based youth mental health agency, has been helping young people work through their difficulties for more than 40 years. Although the work they do in the community is big, the organization still has a small profile — which makes it a challenge to attract new donors and volunteers. And yet, Oolagen's versatile, effective prevention and treatment programs reach more than 4,000 youth and families each year.

About Oolagen Youth Mental Health: The hopes and aspirations of Oolagen are based on our vision for healthy relationships between youth and their families that recognize and build upon strengths, a community that works in partnership to enhance the social and emotional well being of its citizens, and a comprehensive, flexible service system that effectively responds to the challenging and diverse needs of the people we serve.

Oolagen's overhead costs are uniquely managed to remain below 10%, which means that over 90% of every dollar goes directly toward helping at-risk youth in Toronto.

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