

GET INVOLVED

Dismantling systems of oppression is work that the AOC cannot nor should not do alone. It requires the involvement of institutions, organizations, and individuals from all communities. Daily commitment to anti-oppression practices is a responsibility we all bear.

The AOC welcomes the opportunity to connect with any individual or agency who is interested in, or already working on, anti-oppression initiatives in Ohio or nationally.

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OHIO STATEWIDE ANTI-OPPRESSION COMMITTEE

The Statewide Anti-Oppression Committee (AOC) advocates for leaders and people of color in anti-violence work through actively addressing individual and institutional oppression.

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WHY ANTI-OPPRESSION?

People deserve a voice. In the anti-violence movement, the people most affected by inequity are often excluded from the very decision-making that determines their ability to make change.

Oppression occurs when economic, political, legal, and social systems increase the power of one group at the expense of another. Forms of oppression can include unfair treatment based upon: ability, age, country of origin, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, immigration status, physical abilities, mental health, race, religion, sexual orientation, and/or socioeconomic class.

The AOC believes that oppressed people must be at the forefront of the movement to actualize security for all. To achieve this vision, together, we will identify and dismantle systems of oppression that disempower people and weaken our ability to individually and collectively drive change.

ABOUT THE AOC

The Statewide Anti-Oppression Committee is convened by the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) and is comprised of over 20 diverse anti-violence and social justice professionals from across Ohio who are dedicated to actively addressing individual and institutional oppression.

Our core objectives include:

- **Examining Privilege**
- **Understanding Oppression**
- **Amplifying Voices**
- **Increasing Access**
- **Reducing Barriers**
- **Cultivating Inclusion**

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WHAT THE AOC DOES

The AOC provides training and technical assistance for rape crisis programs, domestic violence organizations, and allied organizations in understanding and cultivating anti-oppression frameworks and practices within their organizations.

The AOC additionally provides support and mentorship for diverse advocates working in the anti-violence field, as well as public awareness about anti-oppression, and the needs and perspectives of diverse survivors and service providers in Ohio.

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