

THE ONTARIO DOMESTIC ASSAULT RISK ASSESSMENT (ODARA) - INTRODUCTORY TRAINING

Tuesday May 12, 2026
Online Workshop
12:30pm to 4:30pm EDT

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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

The Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) is a 13-item actuarial risk assessment measure designed to assess risk of intimate partner violence (IPV) among individuals with a history of physical IPV perpetration. As part of this introductory training, participants will learn about the development, scoring, and interpretation of the ODARA. In addition, a brief overview on the applicability and validity of the ODARA in predicting IPV recidivism among men and women with a history of physical IPV perpetration will be provided. Risk communication methods and use of the ODARA in criminal justice and victim service settings will be discussed and participants will learn the prorating technique for ambiguous information. This workshop will be interactive and provide participants the opportunity to complete scoring vignettes as well as post-training certification.

Materials

Electronic versions of training materials (handouts including scoring criteria) will be made available to participants by email shortly prior to the start of the training. The full ODARA scoring manual is available in the book, *Domestic Violence Risk Assessment 2nd edition* (Hilton, 2021) or downloadable from the publisher at <https://psycnet.apa.org/PsycBOOKS/toc/17188> (see chapter "Scoring manual for the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment," pp. 145-166, select Get Access to check for free access through your institution or purchase PDF for \$17.95 USD at that link).

Prerequisites

Participants are most likely to benefit from this training if they have some knowledge of intimate partner violence. The training also assumes basic familiarity with the criminal justice system and related terms.

Note: this workshop **does not** offer continuing education (CE) credits.

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INSTRUCTOR



**Dr. Andrew L. Gray,
Ph.D., C.Psych.
(Supervised Practice)**

Dr. Gray is the Clinical Lead, Programming and Research, in the Secure Treatment Unit at the Brockville Mental Health Centre in Ontario and is an Adjunct Research Professor with the Department of Psychology at Carleton University. He obtained his Ph.D. in Clinical-Forensic Psychology from Simon Fraser University, completed his predoctoral Clinical Forensic Psychology Internship Program through British Columbia Mental Health & Substance Use Services, and was a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Département de Psychiatrie et d'addictologie at Université de Montréal. His clinical experience includes working with justice-involved adolescents, federally incarcerated men, provincially incarcerated men with severe mental illness, and individuals found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder (NCRMD).

Dr. Gray's primary areas of research include violence risk assessment and assessing change in risk, forensic mental health, self-injurious and suicidal behaviour, intimate partner violence, firesetting, and the application of novel statistical techniques in examining predictive validity. Dr. Gray is a certified Local Trainer for the ODARA through the Society for the Advancement of Actuarial Risk/Need Assessment (SAARNA) and has published on the validity of the ODARA in predicting IPV recidivism among a sample of federally incarcerated men with a history of IPV perpetration. This training session will be recorded and reviewed by Dr. Zoe Hilton as part of Dr. Gray's certification as an Independent ODARA Trainer.

REGISTRATION

Professional fee: \$200 CAD + HST

Student fee: \$50 CAD + HST

Students must provide proof of student status via email upon registration.

Registration deadline: 4:30pm EDT on Friday, May 8, 2026.

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