

## Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Education

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### Donate Life Pennsylvania

<https://www.donatelifepa.org/information/youth-education-information/>

Donate Life Pennsylvania is a collaborative initiative between Gift of Life Donor Program (GOL), the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE), and the Pennsylvania Departments of Health and Transportation. It is funded by residents of Pennsylvania through voluntary contributions included with driver's license renewals, vehicle registrations and state income tax filings. All contributions are used by the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund to educate Pennsylvanians, build awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation, and increase the number of people who sign up to become donors on their driver's license, learner's permit or state identification card.

### Center for Organ Recovery & Education

<https://www.core.org/>

The Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) is one of 58 federally designated not-for-profit organ procurement organizations (OPOs) in the United States. CORE works closely with donor families and designated healthcare professionals to deliver the gift of hope by coordinating the surgical recovery of organs, tissues and corneas for transplantation. CORE also facilitates the computerized matching of donated organs, tissues and corneas.

### Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness (OTDA)

#### Intermediate Unit 13

<https://www.iu13.org/educators/instruction/improvement/state-initiatives/otda/>

The critical shortage of organ and tissue donors is considered to be a national health crisis. The OTDA Project assists secondary students in pre-thinking the critical issues surrounding organ and tissue donation so that each teen can make an informed decision and communicate that decision to his or her family members.

The project goals are to:

- Provide OTDA information and curricular support to Pennsylvania's school districts.
- Assist secondary educators in using OTDA materials and resources.

### OTDA Project Services and Curricular Materials

The cornerstone of the OTDA curricular package is the award-winning 112-page classroom toolkit. Aligned with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards, this interdisciplinary teaching tool is easy to use and completely reproducible for immediate use in the secondary education setting. The OTDA Project hosts an annual mini grant competition for Pennsylvania secondary schools to encourage teachers to implement the [OTDA Curriculum Toolkit](#) in their classroom. Awards of up to \$4,000 will be given for the 2018-19 school year. The kit contains teacher-developed lesson plans, resources, and real-life stories from across Pennsylvania.

### From New Jersey- OTDA Toolkit

<https://www.donors1.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/New-Jersey-High-School-Heroes-Classroom-Guide.pdf>

The High School Heroes program was developed and supported by a consortium of organizations responsible for the recovery and transplant of organs and tissue in New Jersey. These organizations are also responsible to promote and educate New Jersey residents about

the importance and benefits of donation and transplantation. Together these organizations make up what is known as Donate Life New Jersey.

### **Go Recycle Yourself Curriculum State of Oregon Donate Life Northwest**

<http://gorecycleyourself.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Go-Recycle-Yourself-2018.pdf>

The free Recycle Yourself curriculum provides in-depth readings, lesson plans, activities and stories about donation for the health, science, leadership or driver's education classroom. All content is aligned with Common Core Standards and ready for use!

### **Educational Resources Donate Life America**

<https://www.donatelife.net/education-resources/>

This is an organ, eye and tissue initiative designed to support high school teachers and engage young audiences. Donate Life America is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization leading its national partners and Donate Life State Teams to increase the number of donated organs, eyes and tissues available to save and heal lives through transplantation while developing a culture where donation is embraced as a fundamental human responsibility.

### **Gift of Life**

<https://www.giftoflife.org/>

At Gift of Life we believe every person battling blood cancer deserves a second chance at life — and we are determined to make it happen. We are singularly passionate about engaging the public to help us get everyone involved in curing blood cancer, whether as a donor, a volunteer or a financial supporter. It all begins with one remarkable person, one life-changing swab and one huge win — finding a match and a cure.

### **Gift of Life Institute** <http://www.giftoflifeinstitute.org/>

Training and education for organ donation. Established in 2004, Gift of Life Institute is an international training center for donation professionals offering comprehensive, interdisciplinary resources for skills-based learning, continuing education, collaborative research, and consulting services

### **Schoology** <https://www.schoology.com/>

This is a great opportunity to share your fantastic OTDA lesson plans, ideas, video links, and more with other educators in the state of Pennsylvania.