

AA Preamble

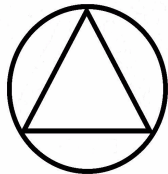
Alcoholics Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to



Contact us to request AA speakers, to arrange an AA exhibit, or with any questions you may have about AA or other services our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee can provide:

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AA and the Professional Community

*Arranging for AA Speakers and
Exhibits for Your Particular
Audience*



What does a Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee do?

AA has a long-standing tradition of being friendly with our friends in the professional community. We inform professionals and future professionals who deal with problem drinkers in the course of their work about AA. With the knowledge that these professionals gain about what AA is and is not, they are in a position to refer those who need help to us. Well over half our current membership has been referred to AA by a doctor, nurse, social worker, guidance counselor, or someone else in the professional community.

What are CPC presentations like?

Most CPC presentations last from thirty minutes to one hour, depending on the time our hosts have available. If time and facilities allow, a video on AA may be shown. Generally, the talks will cover such topics as these:

- ◆ A brief history of AA
- ◆ Alcoholism as a threefold illness— physical, mental, and spiritual—and key elements of the illness, including progression and denial
- ◆ The Twelve Steps, AA's suggested program of recovery
- ◆ The Twelve Traditions, which serve to keep us together in unity
- ◆ A discussion of danger signs of alcoholism
- ◆ What AA is and what AA is not
- ◆ The different kinds of AA meetings and how to find them
- ◆ Questions and answers

We also bring AA materials to professional events.

Who are the speakers?

The speakers, unpaid volunteers, are members of AA who are familiar with the AA program of recovery, our Traditions, and AA's history. We believe that our recovery from alcoholism is strengthened by carrying the AA message to others, and so we neither request nor accept payment for our speakers.

Which NY State counties does this CPC Committee serve?

Our AA area is South Eastern New York (SENY), which encompasses the five boroughs of New York City, all of Long Island, as well as Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, and Sullivan Counties.

How do we contact AA to arrange for a presentation or an exhibit?

Simply utilize the contact information on the back of this brochure.

Do you have bilingual speakers?

Yes. We can usually arrange for Spanish speakers rather quickly, but for speakers of other languages it may take more time. Please let us know of your needs as far in advance as possible by contacting us at one of the phone numbers listed on the back of this brochure.

How can we contact AA to request other kinds of information?

First use the contact information on the back of this pamphlet. However, if you don't get the information you need or if you aren't sure who to get in touch with, please contact:

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212-870-3400
www.aa.org