

District 16 AA Cooperation with Professional Community

The purpose of a CPC committee is to build relationships with and to provide information to professionals and professional students on what A.A. is, what we do and don't do, and how to get in touch with A.A. in District 16. We reach out to any community that may come into contact with an alcoholic to ensure the message of hope and recovery reaches those who need it. We as single members of A.A. may remain anonymous, but A.A. as a whole should be known as well as accurate information about it. We cooperate with these professional communities but do not affiliate with them.

What areas are included in District 16?

Counties: Monongalia, Preston, Taylor and Tucker

Cities: Morgantown, Bruceton Mills, Grafton, Kingwood, Masontown, Parsons, Point Marion (PA)

Examples of what types of professionals CPC can reach out to:

Alcoholism and substance abuse counselors, armed forces officers, unit commanders or military chaplains, corrections officers court officials, educators, employer or employee assistance professionals, health care professionals (doctor, nurse, psychiatrist, psychologist, etc.) clergypersons, judges, juvenile service professional, law enforcement officers/EMS/Fire fighters, lawyers, probation and parole professionals, professional students, public health officials, senior service professionals, social workers, union officials, homeless shelters

On a district level, CPC activities can include:

1. Developing relationships with professionals: The district CPC committee can reach out to professionals in the community to introduce AA and offer to provide them with informational materials, such as pamphlets and meeting lists.
2. Hosting workshops: The CPC committee can host workshops to educate professionals about AA and its program of recovery. These workshops can include information about the disease of alcoholism, how AA works, and what to expect from an AA meeting.
3. Providing speakers: The district CPC committee can offer to provide AA members as speakers for professional events, such as conferences and seminars. This allows professionals to hear from alcoholics in recovery about their experiences and how AA has helped them.
4. Distributing literature: The district CPC committee can distribute AA literature to professionals, such as books, pamphlets, and DVDs. This literature can provide information about AA& program of recovery and how it can help alcoholics achieve sobriety.
5. Participating in community events: The district CPC committee can participate in community events, such as health fairs and recovery expos, to promote awareness of AA and its program of recovery.

What about my anonymity??

CPC work does not go against our 11 tradition - Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.- Since the information we are providing even at a conference is not at the level of press and films. There may be times when a group may need your first and last name-keep in mind if you are not comfortable with this you can always do a different part of the CPC committee!

Approved statement from the 1956 General Service Conference on AA's Movement-Wide Public Information Policy:

“In all public relationships, AA's sole objective is to help still-suffering alcoholics. Always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity, we believe this can be done by making known to still-suffering alcoholics, and to those may be interested in their problem, our own experience as individuals and as a Fellowship in learning to live without alcohol.”

Current opportunities @ conferences:

June 5-6, 8am-5pm Carl Rolly Sullivan Addiction Training Institute
At the Erickson Alumni Center (1 Alumni Drive, Morgantown, VA 26506)

October 5-7 Appalachian Addiction Medicine Conference

Opportunities to keep in mind:

WVU New resident orientation
Family Medicine Conference

Prepare list of open meetings

About AA is a newsletter for professionals published twice a year and is available to those on a mailing list. Sign up on aa.org/about-aa.

Important to educate on the difference between open and closed meetings