

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

SUGGESTED PROJECT IDEAS (Compiled from CPC News Exchange Newsletter) (2002-2004)

- Address the local Youth Court
- Arrange to have AA represented at National Drug Court Professional conferences
- Attend conventions for Social Workers and Drug Court Professionals
- Attend events sponsored by the School on Alcoholism at a local college
- Attend International Red Cross Conferences – have literature available in different languages
- Attend meetings of the Coalition of Substance Abuse
- Attend the Governor's Conference on Aging; set up booths/displays
- Attend the Governor's Conference on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
- Attend the National Internal Medicine Convention and distribute literature
- Bring CPC presentations to medical schools, school districts (principals and school nurses), Chambers of Commerce, and large corporations
- Build a portable display for Area Assemblies, correctional facility conferences, state conventions, Counselors' Association Conferences, etc.
- Build cooperation between CPC, PI, Treatment, and Corrections and hold quarterly cluster meetings to share ideas
- Collaborate with other CPC committees to set up regional workshops (An important component is such workshops is to explain the difference between cooperation and affiliation.)
- Compile a speakers list to provide speakers at various schools
- Conduct a survey with DCMs and District CPC Chairs to determine the status of CPC in their districts and how to best serve them
- Conduct an "Alcoholism in the Workplace" Luncheon and invite professional from the community
- Conduct court orientation programs
- Conduct CPC service seminars
- Conduct CPC workshops at Area Assembly meetings and conferences
- Conduct CPC workshops for hospital staff to explain what AA is and isn't and to develop cooperation between the hospital and AA
- Conduct workshops in combination with PI, Corrections, and Treatment committees
- Conduct workshops on why AA needs to cooperate with the professional community and how we can better reach a wide variety of professionals
- Conduct workshops using skits to show CPCs how to approach professionals
- Conduct workshops where professional speak to AA members
- Confer with professionals in a forum-type of setting to brainstorm ideas for the best ways to approach them
- Contact civil organization such as the NAACP
- Contact different agencies such as county mental health, probation, alternatives to domestic violence, medical schools, etc. and offer to available as a resource
- Contact First Nation Communities to help them to set up meetings and present them with Big Books and other literature; take along Alanon and Alateen members
- Contact key people in health care, education, and treatment/rehabilitation organizations, establish relationships with them and provide information
- Contact medical colleges and nursing schools to arrange talks by AA members
- Contact the Area Agency on Aging and get involved with their Senior Fairs; provide them with literature
- Contact the local university School on Alcoholism

- Contact the state organization of social service people statewide
- CPC orientation programs for AA members meeting with parole and probation officers including group, individual, guidelines on group, individual, and CPC participation, and a letter of introduction to the alcoholic referral
- CPC support by email, snail-mail and phone
- Create a list of potential speakers and panelists (AA members and professionals) to give presentations and to speak at workshops
- Create a PI/CPC Speakers Bureau and conduct annual workshops for them
- Create information packets for AA members to carry to their doctors, therapists, attorneys, and clergy/spiritual leaders containing pamphlets, meeting schedules, and information on how to contact AA (Tip: place a useful, removable instruction sheet in the packet which tell the AA member how to approach professionals)
- Develop an initiative to reach seniors through facilities that house or treat elderly people in their respective communities
- Develop court classes for the purpose of lowering the number of disruptions in AA meetings by court-ordered people.
- Develop informational letters to doctors for the districts
- Develop panel discussion presentations for CPC service work
- Develop recruitment strategies such as inviting AA members to commit to one project instead of asking them to become members of an ongoing committee
- Develop relationships with Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) for the State and other employers
- Discuss Traditions at committee meetings
- Distribute "Sponsor Your Doctor" service piece to AA members in both English and Spanish
- Distribute an AA call list to treatment centers and professionals
- Distribute Grapevines to schools
- Distribute language specific literature to professional dealing with English-second-language clients
- Distribute literature and assist in DUI classes
- Distribute the "Sponsor Your Professional" service piece to AA members
- Do presentations for social workers at local hospitals and provide literature
- Do presentations to nursing and medical students
- Encourage AA members to get involved with professionals at the local level
- Encourage face-to-face contact between professionals and AA members
- Encourage one-on-one contact between AA members and the clergy, medical professionals, etc.
- Establish a good, working relationship with the County School Boards
- Establish relationships with Deaf Centers and the Blind community
- Establish relationships with Drug Courts, judges who preside over these courts, and their counselors in order to help them better understand what AA is and isn't and asking that they respect our position regarding our singleness-of -purpose and the primary purpose of our meetings
- Establish Relationships with Substance Abuse and mental Health Services Administration; the national Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; the National Institute on Drug Abuse; the Department of Public health; and the Substance Abuse Program Director's Association
- Familiarize AA members with the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" and giving presentations to schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, churches, businesses, etc.
- Give CPC presentations to local housing authorities
- Give presentation to schools including staff, teachers, and counselors
- Give presentations to nursing and medical students
- Give talks to hospital, treatment, and school system professionals
- Have a booth at the National Student Assistance Conference
- Have AA members staff booths at Health Fairs
- Have AA pamphlets and people available at the State School Nurse Conference
- Have copies of About AA: A Newsletter for Professional and subscription cards available at

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- Hold a workshop on starting a CPC committee and meeting the pitfalls and challenges of working with the professional community
- Hold an information night for AA members
- Hold annual CPC luncheons for professionals from all walks of life (clergy, sheriffs, lawyers, judges, counselors, etc.) at which there is an AA member present at each table to answer questions and a panel presentation
- Hold CPC luncheons and workshops for professionals
- Hold CPC workshops with Districts and Intergroups
- Hold district-sponsored, semi-annual "Take a Professional to Lunch" day where AA members invite professionals in their communities to see and hear what AA is
- Hold informational sessions at teachers', doctors' and nursing conventions
- Hold Sobriety Seminars
- Hold statewide workshops on CPC at the local level with an emphasis on cooperation with the justice system
- Hold workshops for AA members to explain the origin and purpose of CPC and how it conforms to the 10th-Tradition
- Hold workshops for treatment counselors about what AA is and what it isn't; explain singleness of purpose and encourage the use of NA for people with problems other than alcohol
- Hold workshops to train AA members on how to speak at non-AA meetings
- Host and informational meetings with professionals who specialize in Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
- Improve coordination between CPC and PI
- Include a checklist of pamphlets in all mailings that can be used to request literature
- Include GSO in activities whenever possible
- Inform the Fellowship and professionals about our "singleness of purpose," "Adopt-a-Doctor" and other things going on in the Area
- Institute an "Adopt A Doctor" program in which literature is placed in doctors' offices
- Inventory resources in the community (courthouses, district attorneys, probation offices, police and fire departments, jails, state department of corrections, juvenile probation, ambulance services, Salvation Army, mental health facilities, health centers, hospitals, psychiatrists' offices, churches, family violence projects, battered women's shelters, radio stations, etc; keep record of contacts and information provided
- Invite and escort non-AA members to open meetings
- Invite Class A Non-Alcoholics and Class B Alcoholics from GSO to participate in a workshop
- Invite professional to access websites (Area, District, Intergroup, GSO, etc.)
- Invite professionals and business people to luncheons and give presentations on AA
- Keep a list of potential panelists for workshops and presentations
- Leave meeting schedules with staff at the local Visitors Bureau
- Letters and information packets for judges, attorneys, clergy, and treatment centers
- Mail letters and literature to physicians on the Chamber of Commerce List
- Make friends with professionals so they feel confident in sending their clients to us
- Make in-service presentations to mental health professionals
- Meet with the State Racing Commission
- Mentoring by former CPCs
- Offer About AA subscription cards to professionals
- Organize AA information breakfasts for professionals
- Orientation programs for persons sentenced by the courts to attend AA
- Panel discussions for Coast Guard personnel
- Panel discussions presented by district committees for treatment center staff
- Participate in email networks set up to discuss issues of importance to CPC such as conference agenda items
- Place literature in hospitals, doctors' offices, company/plant employee assistance offices, and local churches
- Plan a workshop on "What One Person Can Do to Carry the Message"

- Present AA to the county DUI Multiple Offender Schools several times a year
- Present CPC workshops to Districts throughout the Area
- Present panel discussions to parole officers
- Prior to actual events, set up a booth at a business meeting and do a test run – practice answering questions, etc.
- Promote education of professionals through direct contact, mailings, and participation in various conferences and workshops
- Promote personal contact with doctors, clergy, students, law enforcement, judges, social service workers, mental health professional, and professional organizations such as Rotary
- Provide 12th-Step lists to hospital staff
- Provide Districts with displays to be used at health fairs, schools, etc.
- Provide information about AA to the state Lawyers' Assistance representatives
- Provide information for local and state Visitor Bureaus
- Provide information to agencies that handle Employee Assistance Programs for various businesses
- Provide information to Employee Assistance Programs
- Provide information to physicians through the local branch of the American Medical Association for distribution to their patients with alcohol-related health issues
- Provide information to senior citizen center and nursing home administrators
- Provide information to the State Bar Association to be passed on to lawyers' clients with alcohol-related legal problems
- Provide literature and information in Braille to the School for the Blind
- Provide professionals with contact lists
- Publish a short article on how AA works in the local newspaper and provide similar information to radio stations
- Put together "Sponsor Your Doctor" packets" for AA members
- Reach out to schools and guidance centers
- Represent Alcoholics Anonymous at School Nurse's Conference
- Research state website for lists of professional such as social workers, DAs, judges, parole officers, etc.; also check websites of professional organizations such as the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association
- Respond to invitations by the courts to have bilingual AA members and members of the PI/CPC committees speak to DUI defendants prior to them entering their pleas in court
- Respond to referrals from GSO
- Search archives for previous CPC events in the Area
- Seek alternative ways of dealing with the older community
- Send "blue cards" to professional for free subscriptions to [About AA Newsletter](#)
- Send "Thank You" cards/letters after completing commitments; follow up annually
- Send information packets to local parole and probation departments
- Send informational letters about AA to criminal and DWI attorneys
- Send letters to criminal and DWI attorneys introducing AA and letting them know we are available to help with alcoholics they may encounter
- Send mailings with pamphlets and information to churches
- Set up booths at the State Public Health Professionals Conference and State Fairs
- Set up a booth at the American Counseling Association
- Set up a booth at the annual gatherings of the State Teachers Association
- Set up a CPC email network across the state to promote information exchange
- Set up AA booths at Conventions for High School Principals
- Set up booths at American Society of Internal Medicine Conventions
- Set up booths at conferences of the American Psychiatric Association
- Set up booths at conferences on Addiction and Mental Health to distribute literature and answer questions
- Set up booths at international health conferences
- Set up booths at national conferences staffed by local AA members (Depending on the conference, GSO will pay conference booth fees and provide literature for distribution.)

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- Set up booths at the American Public Health Association Conferences
- Set up booths/displays at conferences of the American Psychiatric Association
- Set up display booths at the State Education Association Convention
- Set up displays in mental health facilities with pamphlets and meeting schedules
- Set up exhibits at the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
- Set up literature tables at professional conferences with free literature and display the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
- Set up tables at the Annual School Nurses Conference.
- Set up weekly meetings for the probation and parole departments and do AA "classes" telling their clients what AA does and does not do
- Speak to hospital administrators about placing literature racks in hospital waiting rooms
- Speak to schools, businesses, civic and church organizations about AA
- Speak with staff and clients of local recovery homes
- Sponsor AA Information classes with the drug courts; participants are referred by the courts and treatment centers – Guidelines are available through GSO
- Sponsor annual luncheons for law enforcement, healthcare, clergy, and mental health professionals
- Sponsor panel presentations at high school health classes
- Sponsor presentations at the area Drug Courts
- Start an "Adopt a Judge" Program
- Submit request to be put on the agendas of monthly judges' meetings
- Take panels to different agencies in the community to let them know we are available and ready to help
- Talks to medical students
- Train District CPCs to set up and staff booths at health fairs, etc.
- Visit and talk with family counselors
- Visit local groups to talk about the CPC committee
- Welcome and inform court-ordered visitors to AA meetings
- Wherever there is a beer garden, set up a "Mock-tail" Garden with non-alcoholic beverages for the young and display informational pamphlets on the counters
- Work with high school health educators to develop programs for their schools such as getting parents in recovery to speak to students (at schools other than where their children attend) and encouraging students to attend pre-selected AA meetings
- Work with the corrections committee to set up a booth at meetings of the National Correctional Association
- Workshops on PI/CPC topics for AA members