NA – A Resource in Your Community



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What is NA? A Vital Resource

 Therapeutic value of one addict helping another — support network

 Process for change through the Twelve Steps

 Adjunct to treatment professionals in continuing care







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2018 Membership Survey

- Carried out biennially since 1996
- 16% rated first NA meeting Important or Very Important
- Top three influences to attend first NA meeting:
 - 1. Another NA member
 - 2. Treatment / counseling agency
 - 3. Family
- Members surveyed averaged 2.19 meetings per week



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Gender



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Female 42% Male 57%

Other 1%





<21 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 >60

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Employment Status







Areas of Improvement



Family relationships 92%	
Social connectedness 88%	
Hobbies/interests 81%	
Stable housing 77%	
Employment 75%	
Education advancement 56%	





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Branch Offices







NAWS-INDIA

Narcotics Anonymous world services of India (Regd)

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NAWS-Iran







Cooperating with Professionals

- Welcoming clients to meetings
- Presentations to professionals and clients
- Printed material, audio-visual, helplines, websites
- Subscription to NA newsletters and literature; useful for client introduction to NA
- There is no charge or fee to attend NA recovery meetings, or for NA presentations



Benefits to...

The Client:

- Assists with transition back into the community
- Can support clients while in treatment and correctional facilities
- Provides a peer-based support network
- Drug-free role model reinforcement

The Professional:

- Research: attending NA meetings improves retention
- Immediate access to aftercare support



The Paucity of Attention to NA in Current Public, Professional, and Policy Responses to Rising Opioid Addiction White, Galanter, Humphreys, and Kelly

- Opioid-related mortality in the USA has triggered considerable professional, public, and political alarm...
- The potential role of NA as a recovery support resource is rarely noted within recent media and professional reports addressing opioid addiction.
- NA is an underutilized resource in contemporary responses to opioid addiction.



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Recovery in NA from the Perspectives of Long-Term Members: A Qualitative Study

DeLuciaa, Bergmanb, Formosoa & Weinbergc

- This study presents results of focus groups conducted with long-term NA members
- Participants identified personal and program characteristics that were critical to recovery
- Fellowship was described as a pervasive and essential element of recovery.



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Narcotics Anonymous Comes of Age: A 60th Anniversary Professional Tribute

White, Budnick, and Pickard

- Addiction recovery mutual aid societies face enormous challenges to their cultural viability and long-term survival
- It is thus fitting [to]...acknowledge those... that have achieved maturity and continue to support recovery initiation, recovery maintenance, and enhanced quality of personal and family life in long-term recovery.



NA Literature





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Newest Additions









How to Find NA Meetings

- Meeting Search Page at www.na.org Global listing of NA meetings; may not be up-to-date
- NA Meetings app Available in your app store.
 Additional content, info may not be most current
- Regional and Area NA websites The best resource for the most current information
- Many NA meetings being held online, info available at www.na.org/virtual



Contacting NA

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