

Cooperation with the Professional Community Area 48

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What do we do?

- Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals about A.A. We help them understand how and why A.A. works.
- A.A. is considered by many professionals to be a valuable resource for alcoholics who want help. When there is a good working relationship between A.A. members in the community and paid alcoholism workers, the sick alcoholic is the winner — he or she gets the help needed from both.
- We are not in competition with these non-A.A.s; we have our separate functions. A.A. is not in the business of education, research, medicine, counseling, treatment, prevention, or funding. We simply have a message to carry about a program of recovery for alcoholics — a program that works for hundreds of thousands who want it.
- The professional can reach out to alcoholics — by education, counseling, and rehabilitative treatment — and can also be of aid through making the community aware of the millions still suffering from the progressive illness of alcoholism

Why do we do it?

“Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives: this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles: It is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message Else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t yet been given the truth may die.”

The A.A. Service Manual “A.A.’s Legacy of Service” 2021-2023 Edition p.1

The 123's of CPC

1. Establish better communication with professionals working with alcoholics
2. Find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating
3. Explain clearly what A.A. does and doesn't do

PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections – who does what?

P.I. (Public Information)— The purpose of P.I. service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested.

P.I. committees visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose.

They also serve as resources for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation, as well as offering A.A. public service announcements to radio and television stations.

PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections, BTG – who does what?

C.P.C. — Members of these committees provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession.

This group includes healthcare, E.A.P. and H.R. professionals; educators; members of the clergy; lawyers; social workers; military professionals; government officials; and those working in the field of alcoholism.

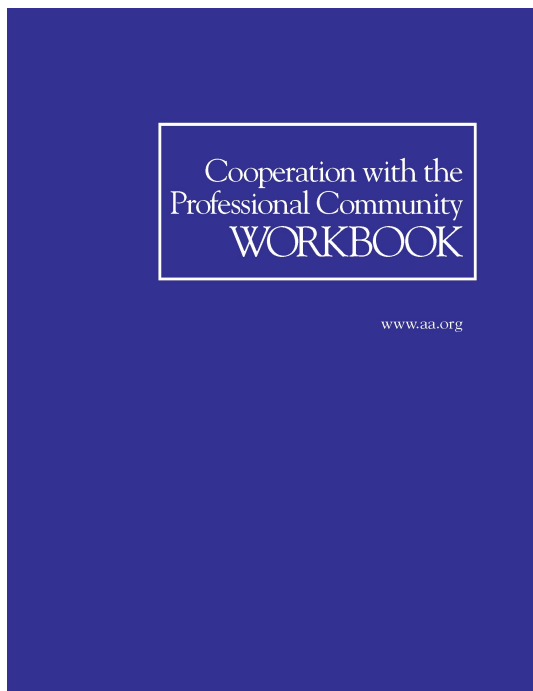
Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections – who does what?

Corrections and Treatment — The purpose of Corrections, Treatment, or combined Institution committees, is to coordinate the work of individual members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in hospitals, alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation centers, and correctional facilities.

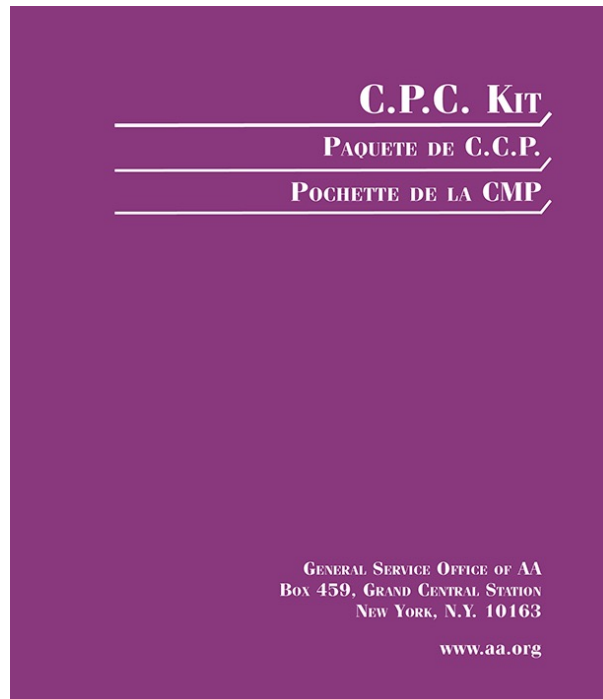
In many areas, liaisons have been established among these committees — i.e., Corrections, Treatment, Accessibilities and P.I. committees send a liaison to C.P.C. committee meetings. There are many instances of overlapping responsibilities. It should be clearly established that A.A. committees are not in competition with each other. Local circumstances determine who does what.

Tools for our Work



- This workbook is intended as a guide for A.A. members involved in Cooperation with the Professional Community work.
- Each of you will receive a printed workbook
- It may also be accessed at:
<https://www.aa.org/cooperation-professional-community-cpc-workbook>

Tools for our Work



- The C.P.C. kit contains the workbook and a selection of pamphlets, guidelines and order forms associated with C.P.C. work.
- Contents of the kit maybe found here: <https://www.aa.org/contents-cpc-kit-list>
- Unfortunately, this kit is expected to be out of stock for 2-5 months. But we can order pamphlets and other materials from the list of kit items as needed

Suggested Committee Activities

- Hold workshops for members who want to learn about C.P.C. Twelfth Step service and how to share information about Alcoholics Anonymous with professionals they may come in contact within their daily lives.
- Contact local professional schools that train future health care, legal/correctional or human resources/employment professionals and offer to do A.A. presentations.
- Invite local professionals to a breakfast or luncheon with a presentation explaining how A.A. can be a resource.
- Contact local court professionals and offer A.A. presentations.
- Contact a military base or VA facility in your area to offer a presentation or meeting.

Suggested Committee Activities cont'd

- Contact local physicians, hospitals and clinics and arrange for A.A. literature to be available in their waiting rooms and develop a plan for how to keep the literature stocked.
- Utilize the [About A.A. newsletter](#) in your C.P.C. contacts with professionals.
- Invite professionals and professional students to attend an open meeting or host a simulated meeting.
- Contact local professional organizations and offer A.A. presentations and/or investigate opportunities to have an A.A. table/exhibit at their meetings or conferences.
- Create a display for use at professional meetings and conferences.

CPC Resources

- CPC Home Page: <https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional-Community>
- A.A. Guidelines on CPC: <https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-cooperation-professional-community>
- CPC Kit Contents (includes list of pamphlets on CPC as well as those suggested for Professionals) <https://www.aa.org/contents-cpc-kit-list>
- CPC Literature Listing:
https://www.aa.org/resources/literature?terms=&service%5B0%5D=9&service%5B1%5D=9&format=All&items_per_page=24&sort_bef_combine=title_ASC
- CPC PowerPoint “Let’s be Friendly with our Friends”
<https://www.aa.org/cpc-powerpoint-lets-be-friendly-our-friends>
- About A.A. Newsletter: <https://www.aa.org/about-aa>

CPC Resources – Key Pamphlets

- “How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals”: <https://www.aa.org/how-aa-members-cooperate-professionals>
- “Speaking at non A.A. Meetings”: <https://www.aa.org/speaking-non-aa-meetings>
- “Understanding Anonymity”: <https://www.aa.org/understanding-anonymity>
- “Problems Other than Alcohol”: <https://www.aa.org/problems-other-alcohol>
- “A.A. Fact File”: <https://www.aa.org/aa-fact-file>

CPC Resources – Video Links

- A.A. Video for Employment/Human Resources Professionals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbJ5JFPXt8s>

- A.A. Video for Legal and Corrections Professionals:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDIbUm9Dv_4

- A.A. Video for Healthcare Professionals:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwLPPb-gIfI>

CPC Resources – Additional Guidelines

- A.A. Guidelines on Cooperating with Court, D.W.I. and Similar Programs: <https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-cooperating-court-dwi-and-similar-programs>
- A.A. Guidelines for A.A. Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field: <https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-aa-members-employed-alcoholism-field>
- A.A. as a Resource For Drug & Alcohol Court Professionals: <https://www.aa.org/aa-resource-drug-alcohol-court-professionals>