

FELLOWSHIP

Chemically Dependent Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship for anyone seeking freedom from drug and alcohol addiction. We of CDA do not make distinctions in the recovery process based on any particular substance. The basis of our program is abstinence from all mood-changing and mind-altering chemicals, including street-type drugs, alcohol and unnecessary medication.

The primary purpose of CDA as a whole is to remain clean and to help others like us gain recovery. By sharing our Experience, Strength, and Hope with each other, we solve our common problem and help others recover from chemical dependence which has made our lives unmanageable.

CDA is not affiliated with any political, religious, or commercial organizations or institutions. CDA remains grateful to the co-founders and fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous for the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions which are the basis of our program.

CDA'S TWELVE STEPS

If you want what we have and are willing to make the necessary effort, then you are ready to take certain steps. Here are the Steps that we took which have made our recovery possible:

1. We admitted we were powerless over mood-changing and mind-altering chemicals and that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to the chemically dependent and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

There is one thing more than anything else that will defeat us in our recovery: This is an attitude of indifference or intolerance toward spiritual principles. Although there are no *musts* in CDA, there are three things that seem indispensable. These are HONESTY, OPEN-MINDEDNESS, and WILLINGNESS to try. With these we are well on our way.

CDA'S TWELVE TRADITIONS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon CDA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for CDA membership is a desire to abstain from all mood-changing and mind-altering chemicals, including all street-type drugs, alcohol, and unnecessary medication.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or CDA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the chemically dependent person who still suffers.
6. A CDA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the CDA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every CDA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. CDA should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. CDA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. CDA has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the CDA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, and social media.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

The CDA Gifts

1. We live one day at a time with dignity and self-respect.
2. We replace fear and self-pity with courage and gratitude.
3. We accept the changes in our life with optimism and hope.
4. We learn how to lighten up, laugh often and have fun again.
5. We find that challenges and setbacks become the touchstones of spiritual growth
6. We discover our talents and gifts and unlock their full potential.
7. We experience freedom as we forgive ourselves and others.
8. We are willing to take risks as we choose growth over fear.
9. We develop healthy relationships as we learn how to communicate with respect and love.
10. We believe that love and service are the foundation of a lifetime of happiness.

*As we continue on our journey, the possibilities are endless
Remember, "The Sky's the Limit!"*

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Am I Chemically Dependent?

1. Has chemical usage caused you financial difficulties?
2. Have you lost time from work due to the use of chemicals?
3. Do you use chemicals to build up your self-confidence?
4. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory while under the influence of chemicals?
5. Do you crave chemicals?
6. Has chemical usage caused unhappiness in your home life?
7. Have you ever been treated by a physician for chemical use?
8. Do you ever feel remorseful after using?
9. Do chemicals make you careless of your family's welfare?
10. Has chemical usage affected your reputation?
11. Do you associate with lower companions and an inferior environment when you are using?
12. Do you get high to escape from your worries or troubles?
13. Has using put your job, schooling or business in jeopardy?
14. Do you use chemicals daily?
15. Do you need to get loaded to have a good time?
16. Do you use chemicals when you are alone?
17. Have you ever been in an institution or a hospital due to the use of chemicals?
18. Are you ashamed of your behavior after using?
19. Does chemical usage decrease your ambition?
20. Do you feel bad when you are not using chemicals?

If you answered, "yes" to three or more of these questions, this indicates that you have a problem with chemicals. Only you can make that statement about yourself.

PHONE NUMBERS



WHERE and WHEN

www.cdaweb.org

**P.O. Box 423
Severna Park, MD 21146**

Meetings are subject to change without notice. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Download the latest copy of the Where and When from:

www.cdaweb.org/meetings

MEETING TYPES

- (O) Open Meeting
- (C) Closed Meeting
- (NS) Non-Smoking
- (S) Step Meeting
- (W) Women's Meeting
- (M) Men's Meeting
- (WC) Wheelchair Accessible

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**SUNDAY**

8:00 AM **Spiritual Awakening** **Zoom**
 MTG ID: 889 5370 7686
 PASSCODE: 123456
 (Readings & Contemplative Discussion on Non-Religious Spiritual Literature)

MONDAY

6:30 PM **Sharing and Caring** **Live**
 (O, WC) South Shore Recovery Club
 199 General's Highway
 Crownsville, MD 21032

TUESDAY

6:00 PM **The Sky's The Limit** **Live**
 (O, WC) Club 164
 2016 Industrial Drive
 Annapolis, MD 21401

6:30 PM **CDA Meeting (begins 9/12/23)** **Live**
 (O, WC) St. John's College
 Mellon Hall, Room 208
 St. John's Street
 Annapolis, MD 21401

7:30 PM **Herald Harbor** **Live**
 (O, WC) (Step Meeting 1st Tuesday of Month)
 Union Protestant Church
 440 Herald Harbor Road
 Crownsville, MD 21032

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM **Principles Before Personalities** **Live**
 (O, WC) Calvary United Methodist Church
 301 Rowe Boulevard
 Annapolis, MD 21401

7:00 PM **Men's Shot of Hope** **Zoom**
 MEETING ID: 912 731 350
 PASSCODE: 684512

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**THURSDAY**

7:00 PM **Men of Serenity** **Live**
 (O, M, WC) The MACC
 2485 Davidsonville Road
 Gambrills, MD 21054

FRIDAY

7:00 PM **Straight From The Heart** **Live**
 (O, WC) South Shore Recovery Club
 1199 General's Highway
 Crownsville, MD 21032

CENTRAL MARYLAND**MONDAY**

7:00 PM **Fellowship Group Literature ZOOM Meeting** **Zoom**
 (CDA First Edition Book Study)
 MEETING ID: 825 9156 0830
 PASSCODE: 115140

TUESDAY

7:00 PM **Champ House Tuesday** **Live**
 (O, WC) Unity Place
 8610 Railroad Avenue
 Bowie, MD 20720

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM **Women's 12-Step Girl Talk** **Zoom**
 MEETING ID: 854 5997 7149
 PASSCODE: 919163

THURSDAY

7:00 PM **Primary Purpose** **Zoom**
 MEETING ID: 819 4487 4162
 PASSCODE: 865677

FRIDAY

7:00 PM **CDA Columbia** **Zoom**
 Meeting ID: 818 8753 8313
 Passcode: 142783
(Literature Meeting)

7:00 PM **CDA Cornholio** **Live**
 (O, WC) Unity Place
 8610 Railroad Avenue
 Bowie, MD 20720

SATURDAY

7:00 PM **Stayin' Alive Meeting (begins 10/7/23)** **Live**
 (O, WC) Village Baptist Church
 1950 Mitchellville Road
 Bowie, MD 20716

7:00 PM **Stayin' Alive Zoom Meeting** **Zoom**
 Meeting ID: 798 983 8011
 Passcode: UnityCD20

LOWER DELAWARE**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 PM **CDA Meeting** **Live**
 (O, WC) **Live Meeting**
 Community Church of Oak Orchard
 32615 Oak Orchard Road
 Millsboro, DE 19966