

New Group Resource

So, you want to start a meeting or new group to have meetings? This information is to assist you on finding an Area for support (if your group chooses) and how to get your meeting information listed on an Area and, the Wisconsin Region and NA app along with the NAWS website meeting list.

Groups serve addicts, Areas serve Groups, Regions serve Areas, Zones and NAWS serve Regions. We are here to serve and can only do so with information on the new Group and contact information to help the Group.

<https://wisconsinna.org/members/area-services/>

Information from the Group Booklet may help so we are providing a link and just six points to have your new Group answer amongst the members of the Group.

What is an NA group?

When two or more addicts come together to help each other stay clean, they may form a Narcotics Anonymous group. Here are six points based on our traditions which describe an NA group: Link to Group Booklet:

[1600_GroupBooklet_2023.pdf \(na.org\)](#)

1. All members of a group are drug addicts, and all drug addicts are eligible for membership.
2. As a group, they are self-supporting.
3. As a group, their single goal is to help drug addicts recover through application of the Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous.
4. As a group, they have no affiliation outside Narcotics Anonymous.
5. As a group, they express no opinion on outside issues.
6. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.

Getting Group meeting(s) listed on websites and apps.

1. Gather all Group meeting and location information.
 - a. Group Name
 - b. Geographical location, street address, city, zip code, name of building (church, public building, etc. Special parking or best place to park, which door to enter, what floor is meeting room, room name or number. Act as if you are a

- newcomer going to your first meeting. Can you find the meeting with the given information.
- c. Handicap accessible, hearing impaired etc. (elevator, ramp, first floor wheelchair accessible).
 - d. If virtual or hybrid provide link and passcode if needed along with any dial in phone number.
2. Time the meeting starts and length of meetings (as low as 5-minute increments) i.e.; 1 hour, 1 hour thirty minutes, 1 hour 45 minutes.....
 3. Determine the type of meeting your Group is providing addicts.
 - a. Open (for anyone interested in the disease of addiction) or closed (only for addicts or someone who thinks they have a problem with drugs).
 - b. NA literature study (Basic Text, Living Clean, etc.), open discussion or topic, speaker meeting, and many more types of meetings.
 4. Attempt to locate the geographically closest meeting to the city you want to open the new group meeting. (Use the link above to look at the Areas current Geographical service Area).
 5. Make contact with that Area unless your group wish's to be independent (without Area services) and provide the information gathered about the new Group.
 6. If independent group is your choice or for any other help, please contact Wisconsin Region at bmlt@wisconsinna.org. and provide the information gathered about the new Group.

Remember we are here to serve and can only do so with everyone's help new Groups and existing Groups, and Areas. **NAWS will not enter new meetings directly on the NA app or NAWS website meeting list.** NAWS cannot verify if the new meeting is truly an NA meeting. They will not contact Areas within the Wisconsin Region to help serve your new Group. The meeting list is kept in a database called the BMLT. Only the BMLT (basic meeting list toolbox) coordinator for the Area you choose to join or the BMLT Administrator for the Wisconsin Region can get your Group listed on the Area you choose, Wisconsin Region, NA app and NAWS website meeting list.

If you are the BMLT coordinator for and Area or RCM and would like any help or clarification please email bmlt@wisconsinna.org or trustedservants@wisconsinna.org

In loving service.