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Vision







# A Vision for NA Service



All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the **primary purpose** of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our **vision** is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our **message** in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, **inspired** by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of **unity** and **cooperation** to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and **respect** as a viable program of recovery.

**Honesty**, **trust**, and **goodwill** are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.





# TWELVE CONCEPTS

1. To fulfill our fellowship's primary purpose, the NA groups have joined together to create a structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA as a whole.
2. The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.
3. The NA groups delegate to the service structure the authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to it.
4. Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants.
5. For each responsibility assigned to the service structure, a single point of decision and accountability should be clearly defined.
6. Group conscience is the spiritual means by which we invite a loving God to influence our decisions.
7. All members of a service body bear substantial responsibility for that body's decisions and should be allowed to fully participate in its decision-making processes.
8. Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communication.
9. All elements of our service structure have the responsibility to carefully consider all viewpoints in their decision-making processes.
10. Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal.
11. NA funds are to be used to further our primary purpose, and must be managed responsibly.
12. In keeping with the spiritual nature of Narcotics Anonymous, our structure should always be one of service, never of government.



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Our service boards and committees represent a cross-section of NA perspective and experience. Each participant's contribution to the decision-making process is important. Determining participation at the group level is fairly simple: if you're a group member, you may fully participate in the group's decision making process. Determining participation in the decision making processes of most service boards and committees is a little more involved, yet the same basic principles still apply. Freely expressed individual conscience is the essential element in group conscience at any level.

NA service is a team effort. Our service representatives are responsible to the NA Fellowship as a whole rather than any special constituency; so are all the other trusted servants on the team. The full participation of each member of the team is of great value as we seek to express the collective conscience of the whole.



*We keep what we have only with vigilance, and just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps, so freedom for the group springs from our Traditions. As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well.*

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA 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 membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA 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, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



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Our tradition of self-support keeps us alive and free. We can be creative in the ways that we gather resources and careful in how we use them. We must be very cautious in our relationships with those outside the Fellowship, continually checking our practices and motives to ensure that we are not accepting gifts or support that might compromise our integrity. Tradition Seven invites us to learn more about integrity and what it means to stick to principle without being rigid or ungrateful. When we practice Tradition Seven, we don't just turn away the donations of others; we demand of ourselves that we step up and meet our responsibilities.

We learn that we can care for ourselves and meet our needs. We can thrive and grow as a Fellowship even when resources are really thin. Generosity is an antidote to fear, and when we give freely, our hearts are filled. The value of this Tradition may be hard to see when we are deciding not to ask for help from those outside NA who would gladly offer support, but Tradition Seven in our Basic Text reminds us that "Everything has its price." Practicing self-support allows us richness beyond measure. When we support ourselves responsibly—as individuals, as groups, and as a Fellowship—we are rewarded in confidence, dignity, and freedom. We are responsible members of society today, and the reward for that is hope for the future.



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