

Oregon Area 58 Access Committee
<http://www.aa-oregon.org/access.htm>

Primary Purpose:

- To assist the Alcoholics Anonymous groups in Oregon to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still-suffering alcoholics and current members with access needs.
- The Oregon Area Access Committee provides information from GSO and other Area's to Groups, Districts, Intergroups, and Service Committees. This is done through workshops, presentations, mailings etc.

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Oregon Area Access Committee Flyer

<http://www.aa-oregon.org/access/access.pdf> (2 pages)

WE NEED YOUR HELP: We are looking for AA members with the desire to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic to be on the Oregon Area Access Committee. You don't have to have any prior knowledge in the area of access needs nor do you have to be a person with access needs yourself. But if you are an AA member that has Access Needs yourself PLEASE join us. You can teach us how to help you and others with similar access needs.

Accessible AA Meeting Schedule for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

<http://www.aa-oregon.org/access/dhh.htm>

Access Information Packets

<http://www.aa-oregon.org/access/accesspackets.pdf> (3 pages)

What is AA? Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, nondenominational, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

(From F-2 Information on AA)

Access Needs:

*Both groups and members can become more aware of AA's who need specific kinds of help. But the most important fact to keep in mind is that all alcoholics--whether deaf, blind, or with other disabilities--want to be a part of the whole. The goal is to enable every alcoholic to be an active participant in the group, without emphasizing differences.
(From AA Service Piece F-107 copyright AA Word Services)*

- Alcoholics who are Deaf or hard of hearing;
- Alcoholics who live in rural areas/isolated, home or hospital bound;
- Alcoholics who do not have transportation or unable to drive themselves due to health conditions or DUI;
- Alcoholics who live in nursing homes/foster care homes;
- Alcoholics who use a wheel chair, walker, or cane;
- Alcoholics who are blind or have low vision;
- Alcoholics who have limited English reading and writing skills;
- Alcoholics who are single parents that are unable to find suitable child care to attend meetings;
- Alcoholics who are developmentally disabled;

Local Access Committees working in cooperation with other AA services committees:

District, Intergroup, CPC, CTF, PI, and CCF. Some of the resources Access Committees may want to provide information to are: Correctional facilities, treatment centers, nursing homes, schools, the professional community, lawyers, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, doctors offices, especially medical resources that focus on disabled, Military/Veterans or those with illnesses directly caused by alcoholism such as liver disease/transplants. Senior, elderly, and disabled service offices in each county, vocation rehabilitation offices, and resources that provide services for people who are Deaf or hard of Hearing. Local service offices that provide services to abused women, children, and men and services for low-income families.