

Regarding Attendance Verification

Narcotics Anonymous is a Twelve Step program of recovery from the disease of addiction. The Twelve Traditions make possible our Fellowship and therefore our recovery. Tradition Six prohibits us from affiliation with any other organization or outside enterprise. We are not affiliated with anyone, including but not limited to probation offices, state parole offices, correctional institutions, halfway houses or treatment facilities. To report on another member's attendance or participation in our Fellowship to any agency or institution is to affiliate with that agency or institution.

In addition, our Eleventh and Twelfth Traditions protect the anonymity of our members. In our meetings we have a place to share our experience, strength and hope as well as the trials and tribulations we encounter in our struggle to progress in our recovery. Without the freedom to express ourselves without fear of what may be reported to an outside agency or person charged with our supervision, our recovery and the recovery in our Fellowship would be severely inhibited.

Sometimes courts, parole agencies and probation officers require that "court cards" or attendance verification papers be carried by the persons they supervise and signed by the secretary of the meeting. This is a transaction between the supervising agency and the individual member involved. The individual is free to attend or not attend, participate or not participate. When we as N.A. members actively report to a supervising agency regarding another member, we break our Traditions, affiliating ourselves with the supervising agency. We break another's anonymity, and we jeopardize the chance for that person's recovery within our Fellowship.

It is our suggestion that the supervising agency be visited by several members of the area's public information committee so that an explanation of our program may be supplied along with information regarding our Traditions and the importance of adhering to them. It has been our experience that when individuals in the community gain an understanding of how our program works, and have the opportunity to see that it works, and have the opportunity to see that it works through meetings with addicts who have found recovery through our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, they become as supportive of them as we are.

Thank you for your interest in Narcotics Anonymous. Please contact the UCANA Public Information Subcommittee at nauca.pi@gmail.com or (866) 454-3784 to learn more about this resource in your community or to schedule a PI Presentation.