

RESOURCES FOR THE SEX ADDICT WITH LEGAL ISSUES

INTRODUCTION

Individual SAA fellows and the ISO have developed resources for those fellows who's act out has legal consequences, whether formally charged or not. Legal engagement falls into these phases:

- acting out period with no/minimal police/legal contact;
- time between arrest and court sentencing;
- incarceration in jail or prison;
- probation or parole time period;
- those in state-appointed "civil commitment" within mental hospitals;
- up to a life-time of 290 (sex offense) registration--a more respectfully term for this group would be "registrants" instead of "sex offenders," which implies lack of recovery and continuous illegal offending or acting out.

1. ANNUAL CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE

For years past before COVID there has been L2/L3 meetings at the Annual Convention and Conference. Level 2/level 3 refers to more serious and legal consequences for acting out activity as described in an influential non-SAA literature (Patrick Carnes, Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction, pp. 48-67).

2. SAA TELEMEEETINGS

As of March 1 2023, there are three Telemeetings created by SAA fellows that address issues for this group:

A. Breaking the Chains

Closed meeting only for SAA fellows only. Contact meeting secretary before joining for Zoom meeting information.

[https://saatalk.info/us/meetings/meeting?xmeeting\[id\]=287](https://saatalk.info/us/meetings/meeting?xmeeting[id]=287)

B. MAPS (Minority Attracted Persons) in Recovery

Closed meeting for SAA fellows only. MAPs currently has 1 in-person meeting in the Santa Clara, CA and 4 ZOOM meetings:

Mon, Wed, Fri at 6pm PT, Sun 10:30am PT.

Zoom ID: 6277627712 (MAPSMAPS12 on a phone keypad) Password: maps12step (the password will change occasionally) [updated 7Dec2022]

C. Pornography focused SAA meetings

A list is available on the SAA outreach website, <https://saa-recovery.org>.

San Francisco area has 2, Chicago has 2, Pittsburgh area has 2 and New York has 1. Call the ISO office for details.

3. PRISONER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Prisoner Outreach Committee (POC) is a ISO committee that carries the message to the prisoner sex addicts who still suffer. This committee coordinates with the ISO Office to pair prisoners with SAA fellow letter-writers as sponsors. Additionally, it coordinates the arduous process of forming and maintaining SAA meetings in prison.

The POC meets on the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm Central Time

Zoom URL: <https://saa-iso.zoom.us/j/6096466960>, passcode: serenity

or telephone at 646-558-8656, meeting ID: 609 646 6960

4. SAA SERVICE WEBSITE (<https://saa-iso.org>)

There you will find:

- online application to serve as letter writer/sponsor
- guidelines for letter writer/sponsors
- pointers for starting a meeting inside a prison/jail
- sample worksheets for sponsoring

5. SAA OFFICE

Harvey A in the ISO Office physically is responsible for matching prisoners with letter writing/sponsor requests and literature distribution among many other responsibilities.

An example of letter writing requests are found in the February 5, 2022 POC minutes:

- Unresponded letter requests: 89 English 35 Spanish
- prisoner letters written 4
- literature orders filled: 84
- unread letters: 12
- pending requests for literature 42 Mixed
- pending requests for sponsors: 14 English 17 Spanish
- New writers: 15
- Prisoners assigned writers 104

6. AUTONOMOUS AND LOCAL INTERGROUPS AND MEETINGS

Reaching out to prisoners from Intergroups and meeting groups. Some examples are:

- Colorado Intergroup,
- UK Intergroup,
- Southern California Intergroup,
- Raleigh, NC meeting group,
- Twin Cities, Minnesota meeting group.

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