

Chicagoland Region of NA Ten Minute Verbal PR Presentation

Good morning, everyone

My name is (insert name) and along with (insert person name) we are here today to introduce you to the program Narcotics Anonymous referred to as NA throughout this presentation. We both thank you for allotting us this time.

Our presentation will consist of information on the development of NA, the program of NA, what services NA has available and our guiding philosophy

Development of NA-Sydney

NA sprang from Alcoholics Anonymous over 71 years ago. While originally only a program was found in the USA. NA is now an international program with over 72,200 weekly meetings in over 143 countries.

Although the word Narcotics refers to a specific class of drugs NA from its beginnings was open to all drug addicts regardless of the drug or combination of drugs used.

At this time, I will turn the podium over to (insert name) to talk about the program and services of NA

Program of NA.

Good afternoon, I am (insert name) everyone- I will first talk about the program of NA

NA is a worldwide fellowship of recovering addicts. Its primary purpose is to help addicts stop using drugs.

NA is a program of recovery from the disease of addiction.

Unlike other fellowships, which is drug specific, NA encompasses all drugs by focusing on the disease concept of addiction. NA provides a recovery process through 12 Steps and peer support. One of the keys to NA's success is one recovering addict working with other recovering addicts to help them stay drug free.

Through regular meeting attendance and working the 12 Steps of NA with a sponsor, and being of service to others, our members become productive members of society.

Our survey of 28,000 responses showed NA members have seen quality of life improvements in the following areas:

92% have seen quality improvement in their Family Relationships

97% in respect to Stable Housing and

95% improvement in Employment

Recovery in NA has helped members repair the damages caused by the disease of addiction,

Membership to NA is open to anyone with a desire to stop using drugs. Most of our meetings are open to anyone, addict or non-addict, wishing to attend.

NA is a spiritual not religious program. This means it is open to anyone regardless of religious beliefs or lack of.

NA does not employ professional counselors or therapists. It doesn't provide residential facilities or clinics, nor does it offer vocational, legal, financial, psychiatric or medical services. Although the member survey showed improvement in all these areas because of NA.

Services-(Next Person)

Next are the services provided.

The primary service is the NA group meeting. Currently, there are many meetings in Chicago. At least one per day.

Other available services provided by the Public Relations Task Group of the Chicago Region Area of NA include:

1. Presentations for treatment and health care staff, civic organizations, schools, government agencies and drug court staff and clients. Indeed, it is our hope to make a presentation to the staff and clients of the new juvenile drug court and the impending adult drug court.
2. Distribution of NA approved literature: The task group currently makes literature available at several locations within Chicago and is working to have a full literature rack placed at various hospitals and institutions.
3. A 24-hour NA meeting information phone line. The number is 708-848-4884
4. A website, chicagona.org/, with up-to-date meeting information for Chicago and out lining suburbs.

5. Publishing a meeting list with information about meetings in Chicago and various counties, as well as the information phone line number and the website address. We can provide you with a meeting list.
6. Provide resource information concerning websites with current worldwide meeting directories and literature.

Thank you and I will now turn the podium back over to (insert name)

Philosophy-(insert name)

Now that (insert name) has explained to you both the program of NA, the services available in our area, I would like to spend a minute or two explaining important aspects of NA's guiding philosophy.

First, NA is fully self-supporting. NA does not accept financial contributions from non-members or other organizations, this includes governmental entities such as Cook County and all outside suburbs. Meeting expenses, including rent for the meeting space, literature and any refreshments, are paid from voluntary donations made by members during a meeting. Such donations are not required. Any leftover money is used to pay for expenses such as the printing of meeting lists and maintenance of the phone line and website.

Second, NA has no opinion on anything outside its own sphere of activity which is recovery from the disease of addiction through complete abstinence. This means that NA neither supports nor opposes any political, social, medical, legal or religious issues. This includes issues such as the legalization of any currently illegal substances or syringe programs. NA does not endorse any candidate, proposition or proposed legislative enactment. This allows NA to focus solely on recovery from the disease of addiction.

Conclusion

Once again, Jarvis and I would like to thank you for allowing us to inform you about NA. We know you have a very busy schedule and are grateful you found time for us. We look forward to the opportunity to further develop our relationship with you, in assisting those impacted by the current drug epidemic. We are both available now to answer any questions you may have, or you can contact us later by telephone or e-mail.

Thank you

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