

# Cooperation with the Professional Community

Cooperating with nonalcoholic professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Such people often meet the alcoholic in places where A.A. is not present. Through professionals, alcoholics may be reached who might otherwise never find the program, or they may be reached sooner with the help of informed non-A.A.s.

A professional can be a family doctor or other health care professional, a member of the clergy, a law enforcement or court official, an educator, a social worker, an alcoholism or other counselor, or anyone who deals with problem drinkers in the course of their work. Many of these people often encounter the suffering alcoholic, and in spite of public awareness, many of them simply don't know what to do with a drunk.

C.P.C. work can begin when individual A.A.s reveal their membership to their doctors or drop a quiet word in the ear of a pastor, priest or rabbi that an A.A. member is available to the congregation. Some A.A. members, groups or committees share a single issue of the A.A. Grapevine or La Viña with the professionals, explaining how our meeting in print paints a picture of the Fellowship in action through members' stories and letters. Groups can further participate in C.P.C. by welcoming professionals and future professionals to open meetings and offering a subscription to the A.A. Grapevine or La Viña.

AA also has YouTube videos for people who work in the fields of [Healthcare](#), [Employment/Human Resources](#) and [Legal and Corrections](#).

For a list of online and in person meetings see the [SEPIA](#) website.

