

To: Professionals in and around Eastern Massachusetts

From: Area 30 Alcoholics Anonymous Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee

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Dear Professional,

On behalf of the local Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) community, we would like to offer information about AA so that you are able to share this resource with your clients, patients, and residents.

In spite of the challenges brought about by the pandemic, AA continues to offer help to those who have a desire to stop drinking. Although most in-person meetings remain closed, many AA meetings are taking place virtually, both over the phone and via online video conferencing platforms. For a complete list of all meetings, including those meeting virtually and in person, please visit the Boston Central Service Office website [here](#).

Meetings listed have a 'closed' or 'open' designation. Non-alcoholics may attend open AA meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed AA meetings. Many non-alcoholic professionals attend open meetings so they can better understand what AA is and what it is not. Professionals who have attended open meetings can better explain what to expect when they refer patients to AA

The AA Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee's goal is to share information with professionals, such as those in the fields of education, health care, law enforcement and social work. We would be happy to address questions you may have, provide additional information, or schedule a conversation with you and your staff. Inquiries can be sent to cpc@aaemass.org.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

In service,

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