

# **INTERVENTION** WEBINAR

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- The book of Alcoholics Anonymous states, "We have recovered from a hopeless state of mind and body" (Alcoholics Anonymous, Pg. 20).
- The book later states, "We have seen the truth repeatedly demonstrated: "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic" (Alcoholics Anonymous, Pg.33).
- To answer what recovery from alcohol and drug addiction means, we must first look at what, why, when, and how of addiction.
- When Alcoholics refer to being recovered from a hopeless state of mind and body and once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic, they are saying that you most likely can never use drugs or alcohol successfully again.

#### So what does recovery from alcohol and drug addiction mean?





- It means to become unselfish and to see how your actions can and will affect others.
- Recovery means addressing your past and processing it with others.
- Recovery is about pausing before reacting, making wrongs right, and not blaming or focusing on what others may have done to you.
- Recovery is about doing the next right thing when nobody is watching.
- "Recovery is about being able to look in the mirror and say; I am looking at the only problem I will face all day."

#### Is it Possible for Alcoholics & Drug Addicts to Recover?





- The book Alcoholics Anonymous, in the forward to the second edition, claims that 50% of people got sober at once, with 25% improving.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, at one time, was the only way to recover.
- For the record, nowhere in the book of Alcoholics Anonymous does it say alcoholism is a disease.
- Many mental health disorders have symptoms that parallel those of a substance use disorder.
- Alcoholics and drug addicts can recover.

#### How will I know if someone is in Recovery from Alcohol & Drug Addiction?





- Families of alcoholics and drug addicts often base addiction recovery on whether or not someone has used alcohol or drugs.
- When we do an intervention and bring the family's loved one to treatment, families often believe the nightmare is over.
- The family enables for a reason, and the alcoholic or drug addict uses substances for a reason.
- Families must start seeing a complete change in their loved one's behavior, perception, and thinking. People who relapse shortly after treatment do not relapse; they resume.



#### What are the Stages of Alcoholic & Addiction Recovery?



- Pre-Contemplation
- Contemplation (the pivotal point)
- Preparation
- Action
- Maintenance

#### How to get Treatment for Alcoholism & Drug Addiction





- Families often tell us they feel hope after a conversation with one of our intervention services coordinators.
- It is infrequent to encounter an alcoholic or someone with an addiction to drugs which can survive by themselves on their own resources.
- Treatment for Alcoholism and Drug addiction will rarely, if ever, be a first option when enabling, codependency, and dysfunctional family systems are present.
- A family intervention brings the family together and resets the stage.



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