

INTERVENTION WEBINAR

How to Detach From An Addict or Alcoholic and Still Love Them Without Enabling





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What is Enabling?



Definition of Enabling

- Understanding Why People Enable
 - Emotional Comfort for the Enabler
 - Fear of Letting Go
 - Need to Feel Needed in the Relationship







Common Enabling Behaviors

- Ignoring Dangerous Behaviors
- Providing Financial and Emotional Support
- Lying to Cover for the Addict
- Prioritizing the Addict's Needs Over Your Own



What is Detachment?



- Definition of Detachment
- Detachment vs. Enabling
- Learning to Stop Reacting to the Addict
- Loving the Person but Not Their Addiction
- Examples of Healthy Detachment
 - Not Creating or Preventing a Crisis
 - Holding the Addict Accountable
 - Avoiding Emotional Codependency



The Psychology Behind Enabling



- Why Enablers Continue Despite Knowing the Harm
- Emotional Benefits Enablers Receive
- Facing the Fear of Losing Purpose or Control
- The Role of Family Dynamics in Enabling Behavior



How to Stop Enabling



• Steps to Recognize and Break Enabling Patterns

- Asking Yourself Why You Are Enabling
- Understanding What You Are Gaining from Enabling
- Confronting Family System Dynamics
- Overcoming the Fear of Letting Go
 - Addressing Concerns About Confrontation
 - o Breaking Free from the Caretaker Role



How to Support Without Enabling



Setting Healthy Boundaries

- Communicating Love Without Supporting Addiction
- Offering Professional Help and Resources
- Setting Boundaries That Prioritize Your Well-Being

Learning Effective Communication Skills

- Saying No and Sticking to It
- Encouraging Responsibility in the Addict

How to Support Without Enabling (Cont.d)





Engaging in Self-Care for Yourself

- Rediscovering Your Own Interests and Needs
- Focusing on Personal Growth and Health



The Role of Family Therapy and Support Groups



- Importance of Family Recovery in the Healing Process
- Attending Family Therapy and Self-Help Groups (Al-Anon, ACOA)
- Engaging in Professional Intervention
 Support



Stop Accepting Excuses and Start Getting Help

Questions? The Floor Is Yours!

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