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Opioid Prescription Limits in TN Together Legislation

As of July 1, 2018, changes in prescribing practices were implemented as part of Governor Haslam’s TN Together initiative. This law technically takes effect July 1, but it won’t be completely implemented until Jan. 1, 2019, to give pharmacies a chance to update their software. Prescribers may offer patients a three-, five- or 10-day prescription—but those for 10 days are also may be partially filled. The pharmacy will still be required to check the Controlled Substance Monitoring Database, for each opioid prescription. The database has to be checked when you first bring a prescription to a pharmacy, and then again at least once every six months as long as you’re getting refills.

The law also now requires a doctor to document the specific reasons you’re getting the drug, as well as the fact that you’re getting it with informed consent that includes a warning that it can be addictive. However, doctors can write (and pharmacies can fill) opioid prescriptions for a three-day (or less) supply (maximum 180 MMEs) without these restrictions.

Pharmacists no longer have any limits on discussing opioid-related issues with customers, including risks, effects and characteristics of the drugs; what to expect when you use it; the proper way to use it; and cost, with insurance or cash.

Some prescriptions are exempt from the requirements and limits. Doctors must write “exempt” with a diagnosis code on the prescription to qualify. Prescriptions for people who are getting palliative cancer treatment or hospice care; who have sickle cell disease; who are inpatients at licensed facilities; who are seen by doctors who meet the state requirements to be “pain management specialists”; who were treated with opioids for 90 days or more; who have severe burns or “major physical trauma”; and who are on methadone, buprenorphine or naltrexone, which are drugs used to assist recovery from addiction are exempt from these limits.
Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam signed legislation to support TN Together, the governor’s aggressive and comprehensive plan to end the opioid crisis in Tennessee through three key areas – prevention, treatment and law enforcement Maryville on June 29th. “This legislation is a major step in helping fight this epidemic by limiting the supply of opioids and providing resources to provide treatment for those addicted,” Haslam said in a ceremonial bill signing at the Blount Memorial Hospital. “I am proud to sign the TN Together legislation today and I thank the members of the 110th General Assembly for their commitment to addressing this crisis. Opioid addiction affects the entire state in some form, and with this comprehensive plan I feel confident that we can make a difference in the lives of Tennesseans.”

The first piece of the TN Together legislation (HB1831/SB 2257) focuses on prevention and treatment and was sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris (R-Collierville), Sen. Ferrell Haile (R-Gallatin) and Rep. David Hawk (R-Greeneville). The bill limits the duration and dosage of opioid prescriptions for new patients, with reasonable exceptions for major surgical procedures and exemptions that include cancer and hospice treatment, sickle cell disease as well as treatment in certain licensed facilities. With initial opioid prescriptions limited to a 3-day supply, Tennessee will have one of the most strict and aggressive opioid policies in the nation.

The second piece of legislation (HB1832/SB2258) in the TN Together comprehensive plan addresses the law enforcement and was sponsored by Norris, Sen. Ken Yager (R-Kingston) and Rep. Bill Dunn (R-Knoxville). The bill creates incentives for offenders to complete intensive substance use treatment programs while incarcerated. It also adds synthetic versions of the drug fentanyl, linked to an alarming number of overdose deaths, to the controlled substance schedules.

Along with the legislative action, as part of TN Together, Haslam issued an executive order to establish a special commission to formulate current, evidenced-based pain and addiction medicine competencies for adoption by the state’s medical and health care practitioner schools. Additionally, the 2018-19 budget includes more than $16 million in new state dollars to fund treatment and services in the fight against opioid addiction.
With the passage of SB 2165 by Senator Briggs / HB 2355 by Representative McCormick, the Tennessee General Assembly revised its previously mandated coverage of mental health and substance use disorder treatment to create compliance with the 2008 federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

Effective January 1, 2019, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance during its market conduct examination of each health insurance company shall review the company’s compliance with the parity requirements of this bill. By January 31, 2020, the Department shall make a report to the General Assembly and post on the Department’s website the compliance efforts of the health insurance companies with this bill.

Parity enforcement issues have been ongoing since the passage of the national parity law in 2008. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, insurance carriers commonly subvert parity with tactics such as subjecting mental health and substance use disorder claims to undocumented utilization reviews – called non-quantitative treatment limitations – and by subjecting behavioral health claims to a much more stringent approval process than physical health.

There is also the common issue of insurance carriers requiring consumers to have failed at lower levels of behavioral health care before authorizing residential treatment and putting consumers in acute withdrawal through long authorization periods before approving medication assisted therapy, all of which jeopardize consumers’ health and safety. In some instances, denial of coverage for clinician recommended mental health treatment has been linked to cases of overdose and suicide fatalities.

Although national and state regulatory bodies now have more authority to investigate and enforce parity, advocacy groups still encourage providers and consumers to report suspected parity issues to regulators.
2018 Legislative Session Recap. The 2018 legislative session ended late in the evening of April 25, and the two bodies were so irritated with each other, they had a hard time adjourning. Neither house concurred in the other body's adjournment resolution, but the usually reliable legislative website reports that the 110th General Assembly adjourned on April 25, 2018, sine die, that is without a day to return. The 111th General Assembly will convene on January 8, 2019. Here are the top five enactments from the 2018 session:

Balanced Budget. (Chap. 1061) This is the only bill the General Assembly must pass to keep the dogs fed for state government. The bill authorizes the expenditure of a total of $37.5 billion for the fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The number includes $17.8 billion in state revenues, primarily from the state sales tax, with the remainder mostly from federal funds and some other revenues such state college tuition and departmental fees.

University of Tennessee Board of Trustees. (Chap. 657) This bill reduces the size of the board from 27 to 12. The new board has the commissioner of agriculture as an ex officio voting member, 10 voting members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the House and the Senate, and one nonvoting student member. The bill was not without controversy even though based on the best practices of the National Association of Governing Boards. You may recall that the House version of this Haslam Administration initiative, HB 2115, passed on the House floor with 51 votes, one above the bare minimum, and only two of which were cast by Democrats, Raumesh Akbari and John DeBerry, both of Memphis.

Opioid Prescription Limits. (Chap. 1039) With 4 or 5 Tennesseans dying each day last year from the opioid epidemic, the Governor Haslam and the General Assembly had to respond. This legislation brings a new term to the law in “opioid naïve” and a three day initial supply limit. The statute also includes a 30 day supply limit for an acute care patient. The Haslam Administration worked hard to enact this new statute over the opposition of the medical and pharmacy communities.

Short Term Rentals. (Chap. 972) The sharing economy can be a force for good. The sharing economy can also challenge us in our neighborhoods when the party gets loud at two in the morning. Most of us are not troubled by the thought of a neighbor renting out a spare bedroom on a few weekends a year for some extra cash. Chapter 972 grandfathers or permits short term rental properties that were being used as such before the enactment of any local ordinance or regulation. As many as 27 Tennessee cities had already restricted non owner occupied short term rental properties, but Metropolitan Nashville’s efforts to regulate the properties moved the conversation to the General Assembly. The General Assembly found favor with the property ownership positions posed by the short term rental industry and has limited the authority of municipalities to regulate this industry through their usual land use and zoning powers. The effective date is May 17, 2018.
Sunday Sales of Wine and Spirits. (Chap 783). Part of the compromise that led to the passage in 2014 of wine in retail food stores is a prohibition on Sunday sales. The General Assembly revisited that issue in 2018 and now permits retail package stores to be open for business on Sundays between 10am and 11pm. Effective January 6, 2019, retail food stores may sell wine on Sundays between 10am and 11pm. Wine and spirit sales would be prohibited for all vendors on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Elections. Elections should be on your mind and on your calendar for 2018. Thursday, August 2, will see the general election for the local races, and the primary election for state and federal offices. All state house seats will be up as will the odd numbered state senate seats. August 2 is also the primary election for Governor, US Senate, all US House seats. The early voting period for the August 2 election begins July 13. Tuesday, November 6, will see the general election for the state and federal offices.

Member Checklist.
Send a note to your state lawmakers thanking them for their service. Like addiction treatment, lawmaking is hard.

You may use the website GoVoteTN.com to register to vote or to update your registration online.

Save the date of Thursday, September 13 to attend the TAADAS Annual Recovery Month Dinner. This once time sleepy affair has become the place to see and be seen.

Calendar Notes: State and TAADAS offices will be closed Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day holiday.
Roundtable participants were greeted by several dignitaries who attended. From left to right in the picture left: Mike Murley, WMHI; Jimmy Sain, Hardeman County Mayor; Julian McTizic, Bolivar Mayor; and Judge Boyette Denton, Hardeman County Recovery Court. We appreciated that they took the time to participate and that WMHI hosted.

Daryl Murray, CEO of Welcome Home Ministries and Chair of the TAADAS Recovery Support and Criminal Justice Committee, welcomed the participants and described the history of the Roundtable. Daryl has successfully presided over seventeen Roundtables statewide since 2013. Daryl is pictured to the left.

There were forty one participants in the Roundtable held at Bolivar on June 22. Several attendees were from surrounding counties as well as from Hardeman County. The participants discussed the nature of services that were available to those in recovery as well as the service gaps and barriers.
The treatment provider panel for the Hardeman Co. Roundtable is pictured left and includes from left to right: Damien Nethery, The Grove Clinic Richard Darden, BVI Jim Jones, Pathways, Shannon Adkinson, Jack Geanm Shelter Barry Cooper, JACOA Craig Coltharp, Alkermes, Not pictured—Mary Russell, Aspell Recovery

Pictured right: Monty Burks, TDMHSAS Director of Faith Based Initiatives who provided information on Recovery support services and recovery congregations.

Pictured below from left to right are the Recovery support provider panelists: Melinda Hardin, NAMI Tennessee Matt Boatwright, Compassion House Melesa Lassiter, Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist Tosha Gurley, TSPN West TN Dianne Sherrod, Project Lifeline Judge Boyette Denton, Hardeman County Recovery Court
TDMHSAS has recently unveiled two new tech developments to help providers and consumers gain access to information and support for mental health and substance abuse treatment in Tennessee. The first new service is a mobile app called TN Recover, which will provide daily inspiration to individuals in recovery and track feedback and outcomes from consumers at TDMHSAS-funded treatment and recovery facilities. TN Recovery provides a place for individuals who have recently completed treatment to receive inspiration and support from peers and recovery coaches as well as asking questions and sharing updates on their progress. Individuals will also be able to track their recovery milestones and engage in discussion with peers and recovery professionals through real-time posts. The app went live on July 1, and training sessions for providers will be coming soon.

The second new resource is the newly redesigned Fast Facts data portal, which is currently live on the TDMHSAS website. With the new Fast Facts portal, users can now easily access statewide data as well as county by county comparisons on available treatment options, including crisis services, treatment and recovery providers, psychiatric hospitals, and more. The portal includes location and contact information for these providers as well as other specialty services like Recovery Congregations and Recovery Courts. Visit www.tn.gov/behavioral-health to learn more about both TN Recovery and Fast Facts.
TAADAS Carnival

TAADAS held its second Carnival on June 2 at Coleman Park in Nashville. Over 600 participants came to pay on the slides and bouncy houses while hearing about prevention programs, summer activities and good health. TAADAS held a scavenger hunt sponsored by Mirror Lake and United Health Care and awarded two sets of two tickets to the Nashville Zoo for two lucky scavenger hunt participants.

Thirty six vendors contributed to the event and promoted their programs. We appreciate the perseverance of all of them given that it topped out at 96 degrees! Thanks to Hugh Bennett Productions and to El Jefe Radio Show for their participation and sponsorship.

Face painting was a big hit at the carnival and kids also enjoyed free books provided by Book-em, giant golf and bowling, cornhole, coloring books, and Frisbees. We had rattles and bibs for the babies! Thank you again to our sponsors—Mirror Lake and United Health Care! We plan another carnival in the Fall of 2019. See you then!
TAADAS typically meets in Suite 130 at 1321 Murfreesboro Pike at 10 am on the second Thursday of each month and will meet this quarter on:

- July 12
- August 9
- September 13 - Recovery Month Banquet & Awards

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TAADAS will be closed:

Independence Day
July 4

Labor Day
Sept 3

Banquet Recovery Day
Sept. 14

**TAADAS Training Calendar**

**Integrated Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder & Access to Medication Assisted Recovery Training-Jackson**
July 17, 2018, 12:30 PM-4:00 PM CDT
Kristopher Shera, MPA
Jackson Chamber of Commerce
197 Auditorium Street
Jackson, TN 38301

**Addiction Severity Index (ASI) Training-Nashville**
July 18, 2018, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM CDT
Thomas Coyne, M.Ed., LCSW
TAADAS Conference Room
1321 Murfreesboro Pike Suite 130
Nashville, TN 37217

**American Society Addiction Medicine**
July 19, 2018, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM CDT
Thomas Coyne, M.Ed., LCSW
TAADAS Conference Room
1321 Murfreesboro Pike Suite 130
Nashville, TN 37217

**Ethics for Addiction Counselors-Nashville**
July 20, 2018, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM CDT
Shirley Marks, MCC, MA, LADAC, LMFT, MAC
Goodwill Career Solutions Center
937 Herman Street
Nashville, TN 37218

**Seeking Safety Training-Knoxville**
July 27, 2018, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM EDT
Virginia Schrootten, LPCC, LCDAC
United Way of Great Knoxville
1301 Hannah Ave
Knoxville, TN 37921

**WRAP I Training-Nashville**
July 30-31, 2018, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM CDT

**Cassandra Eules-Curry, CPRS**
TAADAS Conference Room
1321 Murfreesboro Pike Suite 130
Nashville, TN 37217

**A Closer Look at Cultural Perspective & Diversity Outreach-Cordova**
August 2, 2018, 8:45 AM-4:00 PM CDT
Lisa Black, M.Ed., NCAC II, CCS
Hope Church
8500 Walnut Grove Rd
Cordova, TN 38018

**Veterans Treatment Court Summit-Knoxville**
August 16, 2018, 4:00 PM-7:00 PM EDT
Ron Hanaver, LADAC, NCAC, QCS, ADS
Knoxville Recovery Court Conference Room
900 E. Hill Ave
Knoxville, TN 37915

**Ethics 101 and 42 CFR pt II Training-Knoxville**
August 17, 2018
8:30 am – 4 pm EDT
Lori, McCarter
Susannah’s House
932 Dameron Ave
Knoxville, TN 37921
Journey Together Conference 2018

September 3, 4, 5, 6
Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd, Franklin, TN 37067

Plenary Speakers 2018

Lucy Billings-Robbins, LADAC II
The Little Things That Make Us Great:
The Anatomy of Counseling
William Glasser Institute

Jessica Wong, CPP
Warp Speed:
Parenting and Working with Teens in a Digital Age
Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

The 2018 TAADAS Member Survey on Advocacy, Continuum of Care, and Health Care Reform is now available. The results of our annual member survey help establish TAADAS advocacy, policy, and legislative priorities as well as the association’s strategic plan. The survey is available at the link below and will be open through July 27th. If you are a TAADAS member, please take a few moments at your earliest convenience to complete the survey. The survey is also available by clicking the survey link in the latest TAADAS Member Monday.

We appreciate your feedback!

2018 TAADAS Member Survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CK283YC
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DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION COUNSELING CERTIFICATE
AT A GLANCE

The Drug and Alcohol Addiction Counseling Certificate (DAAC) prepares Christians to offer competent counseling to individuals, families, and groups struggling with the effects of Substance Use Disorders. Our program meets all requirements for licensure in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling from the Tennessee State Board of Alcohol and Other Drugs of Abuse Counselors and the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC).

Faculty Who Are Practitioners
Gain wisdom from faculty with experience in non-profits, community organization boards, and a variety of ministry settings. Our faculty are deeply committed to applying theological scholarship to ministry contexts.

Convenient Class Schedule
Complete your program in 3 sessions, made of 2 classes, meeting Thursday and Friday evenings for 13 weeks.

Comprehensive Curriculum
Explore Substance Abuse Counseling within a holistic approach, engaging co-occurring disorders, family systems, therapeutic approaches, and professional ethics.

NAADAC & State Licensure
Our program meets all state requirements and is one of only 20 in the country which “hold the distinction of NAADAC recognition as an Approved Academic Education Provider.”

Why MTS?

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- Practical + Affordable
- Student + Faculty Diversity
- Accessible Class Schedules
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www.MemphisSeminary.edu
TAADAS runs a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, statewide addictions treatment referral hotline called the TN REDLINE. A new process for caller ‘warm handoffs’ was implemented that we hope will identify callers who are most at risk and help them make a stronger connection with a provider. Callers who are indigent and who are using opiates and alcohol, in particular, will be offered more than just a list of providers to contact, they can be connected directly on the phone to one of the state contracted providers that meets their needs. This ‘warm handoff’ to a provider is intended to help the caller connect and engage with a provider, understand the referral and admission process for that agency and follow up to access services. Callers who are most at risk, those who are pregnant, injecting drugs intravenously, have a history of overdose or who are abusing alcohol will be encouraged to accept a call transfer to a provider. TAADAS has hired several new staff that are Peer Recovery Specialists who can help offer the hope and encouragement that may be needed for callers to accept a transfer.

TDMHSAS has implemented updates to their website and a page for the TN Together initiative that highlights access to care as well as other executive actions to attack the state’s opioid epidemic. Please visit: https://www.tn.gov/opioids/treatment.html

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities, Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, offers services for problem gamblers and their loved ones. If you or someone you know is concerned about gambling, please contact the following agency:

The Gambling Clinic at the University of Memphis 901-678-STOP (7867) www.thegamblingclinic.memphis.edu E-mail: gambling@memphis.edu
Hope
As long as there is life, there is hope.

ACCESS
Staying informed will be helpful when services are necessary.

RECOVERY
is real!

- Keep up with current co-occurring disorder events/trends
- Access the latest perspectives related to the impact of co-occurring disorders on: 1) families, 2) communities; 3) local and state level policy and legislative matters, 4) judicial and criminal justice systems; and, 5) business and workforce
- Order educational and awareness materials
- Sign up with TNCODC to stay current on co-occurring disorder updates
- Request educational presentations
- Download a TNCODC link banner to place on your agency or organization website and so much more!
Help us to bring recovery support services to more Tennesseans

Designate TAADAS as the recipient for your Kroger Plus and Amazon Smiles rewards purchases. It’s easy to do and helps us to do more for the recovery community in Tennessee!

Amazon Smiles is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

1. Sign in to www.smile.amazon.com on your desktop or scan the Amazon QR code below with your phone.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change Your Charity.
3. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Select TAADAS as your new charitable organization to support.

Scan Here for Amazon

Kroger Community Rewards: How to Register

Use your existing Kroger Plus Card or get a new one from the customer service desk.

Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com (scan the QR code below if you have a smartphone).

Sign up for an online account using the “new customer” box unless you already have an online account.

Once signed up retrieve the confirmation email and confirm your new account.

Now visit your new account and click on edit Kroger Community Rewards - Input your Kroger plus Card Number.

Now enter the NPO 32194 and click confirm.

Your recipient organization’s name should now appear on the right side of the information page.

If you use your phone number at the register Call 1.800.676.4377 and select option 4 to get your Card Number.

You must swipe your card or use your phone number to get credit for any one purchase.

Scan Here for Kroger

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Get Connected. Stay Engaged.

www.TAADAS.org

Our Mission
To educate, support and engage our members and public, influence policy and advocate for prevention, treatment and recovery services.

24/7 Support
Do you need help with addiction? Call the Tennessee REDLINE for 24 hour assistance 1.800.889.9789

Order Free Addiction and Recovery Literature
We offer free addiction and recovery literature shipped right to your door anywhere within the state of Tennessee. Just type in a few key words and add the literature you want to your cart, it’s free! https://www.taadas.org/free-literature

Support Recovery in Tennessee Become a Member
Join us in bringing awareness of addiction and mental health issues to the community and creating change through legislative efforts. There are several levels of membership available, join now.
https://www.taadas.org/membership-info/membership-application

Get Your Training With Us
TAADAS offers professional trainings statewide, the current offerings can be viewed on nearly every page of our website on the left hand side of the screen.
https://www.taadas.org/training

Sign Up for Our Emails
We stay on top of current trends related to addiction and recovery services in Tennessee. If you’re interested in regional trainings, legislative reports, advocacy efforts or general addiction and recovery information then sign up!
https://www.taadas.org/contact-us/sign-up-for-our-emails

Borrow Our Conference Room
We have a conference room that seats upward of 50 people, you can reserve the room online.
https://www.taadas.org/the-conference-room
We thank the following members for their support and involvement in our organization!

Jon Jackson, President    Norman Miller, President Elect    Linda Leathers, Treasurer

Organizational Members

12th Judicial District Recovery Court
Aspell Recovery Ctr., Jackson
Buffalo Valley, Hohenwald
CADAS, Chattanooga
CADCOR, Murfreesboro
Case Management Inc., Memphis
Cannon County Board of Education
Centerstone, Nashville
Church Health Center of Memphis
Clay County Anti-Drug Coalition, Celina
Comprehensive Community Services, Johnson City
Crossbridge, Inc. Nashville
Cumberland Heights, Nashville
E.M. Jellinek Center, Knoxville
First Step Recovery Center, Memphis
Freeman Recovery Center, Dickson
Friend of Bill’s Recovery Houses, Lebanon
Frontier Health, Gray
General Session Treatment Court, Nashville
Grace House, Memphis
Grandpa’s Recovery House, Smyrna
Hamblin County Drug Court, Morristown
Harbor House of Memphis, Memphis
Healing Arts Research Training Ctr., Memphis
HealthConnect America, Statewide
Helen Ross McNabb Center, Knoxville
Here’s Hope, Counseling Ctr., Dyersburg
Highpoint, Johnson City
Hope of East Tennessee, Oak Ridge
Innovative Counseling and Consulting, Memphis
Jack geometric shelter, Savannah
JACOA, Jackson
Knox County Recovery Court, Knoxville
Madison Treatment Center, Madison
Memphis Recovery Center, Memphis
Mending Hearts, Nashville
Mental Health America of Middle TN
Metro Health Department, Nashville
Omnivisions, Statewide
Overton County Anti-Drug Coalition, Livingston
New Life Lodge, Burns
PAL (Prevention Alliance of Lauderdale)
Park Center, Nashville
Place of Hope, Columbia
Prevention Alliance of Lauderdale
Prevention Alliance of Tennessee (PAT)
Professional Care Services, Covington
Renaissance Recovery, Knoxville
Renewal House, Nashville
Samaritan Recovery Community, Inc., Nashville
Serenity Centers of TN, Knoxville
Serenity Recovery Center, Memphis
Smith County Drug Prevention
STARS Nashville
Synergy Treatment Ctr., Memphis
The Next Door, Nashville
TN Certification Board
TN Mental Health Consumer’s Association
TN Assoc. of Drug Court Professionals
Transition House, East TN
Therapeutic Interventions
Turning Point Recovery Residences, Nashville
Vista Recovery Systems, Johnson City
Welcome Home Ministries, Nashville
WestCare TN, Statewide
YANA, Nashville

Affiliate and Individual Members

Addiction Campuses    TN Alliance of Recovery Residences
American Addiction Centers    TN Education Lottery
Ammon Analytical Labs    TN Health Care Campaign
TN Assoc. of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors    TN Professional Assistance Program

Stephanie Crisp        Wayne McElhiney        Nathan Ridley
Nita Gamache        Harold Montgomery        Brad Schmitt
Jeanice Harper        Judge Seth Norman        James Shiver
John McAndrew        Butch Odom        George Snodgrass
The Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS) began March 26, 1976 when a group of concerned Tennesseans joined together in Chattanooga for the purpose of “creating and fostering a statewide association to promote common interest in prevention, control, and eradication of alcoholism and other drug dependency.” The TAADAS mission is to educate the public and influence state/national policy decisions in order to improve services to those who are affected by alcoholism, drug dependency and other addictions. TAADAS programs are funded in part by grants from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services. As a statewide association made up of prevention programs, treatment agencies, recovery services and private citizens, TAADAS strives to be the Voice for Recovery in Tennessee through its membership and many programs.

Alcohol and other drug dependence is a primary, chronic, progressive and potentially fatal disease. Its effects are systemic, predictable and unique. Without intervention and treatment, the disease runs an inexorable course marked by progressive crippling of mental, physical, and spiritual functioning with a devastating impact on all sectors of life — social, physiological, family, financial, vocational, educational, moral/spiritual, and legal. TAADAS is committed to helping the public understand that addiction is a treatable illness and that millions of people achieve recovery.

**TAADAS’s purpose is to:**
- promote common interest in the prevention, control and eradication of alcoholism, drug dependency and other addictions;
- work with and facilitate cooperation with all agencies interested in the health and welfare of the community;
- impact legislation regarding alcohol and drug abuse and other addictions;
- educate the community regarding alcohol and drug abuse and other addiction issues;
- encourage and support the development of alcohol and drug abuse and other addiction services in areas that are underserved;
- enhance the quality of services provided by Association members;
- serve as a resource for Association members; and
- further fellowship among those members.

**TAADAS Membership**
Through its association membership and by networking with public policy makers, TAADAS keeps alcoholism, drug abuse and other addiction issues in the forefront when public policy decisions are made and through the collective voice of its members. TAADAS directly impacts the important issues facing the addiction services field today. Membership benefits include:

- Expand knowledge – TAADAS has a statewide Clearinghouse of extensive resources and statewide training opportunities
- Impact public policy
- Networking opportunities that promote advocacy and best practices. TAADAS committees address data and outcomes measurement, legislative advocacy and consumer support
- Publish in the TAADAS Times Newsletter
- Discounts at Recovery Books & Things
- Discounted hotel rates
- Credit union membership
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN TAADAS

Membership shall be open to individuals or entities with an interest in addiction, co-occurring, prevention, or recovery support services and subject to payment of membership dues. **Organizational Member** - Any non profit or governmental organization or entity that is state contracted to provide addiction, co-occurring, prevention or recovery support services is eligible to become an Organizational Member of TAADAS.

**Affiliate Member**—Any organization or business that is affiliated with or wishes to support the efforts of the A&D provider and recovery community.

**Individual Member** - Individual membership is open to any individual with an interest in addiction, co-occurring or recovery support services in Tennessee.

**Student or Retiree Member**—Individual membership open to anyone with an interest in addiction, co-occurring or recovery support services in Tennessee who is retired, unemployed or enrolled in a higher education program or is working towards a LADAC.

### Annual Dues*

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*Minimum suggested leadership pledge ... you may pledge more

Date: ____________  Referring Member: (If Applicable) ____________________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Agency: ___________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _________ Zip Code: _______________

Phone: ___________________________ Toll Free: ____________________________

Fax: ___________________________ Email: _______________________________

Non-Profit: Yes No  Government contracted: Yes No

Agency Website: _____________________________________________________

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Thursday September 13, 2018

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When:
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5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Where:
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