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The Newsletter for Addiction Professionals



President's Message

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Greetings!

I have good news to report: The Indiana legislature has re-opened the grandfathering period for Addictions Licensure! Senate Bill 0024 authored by Senator Connie Lawson was passed towards the end of the legislative session and will soon go to the Governor for his signature. This means that those who missed the previous deadline for grandfathering, or who did not meet the requirements prior to the end of the initial grandfathering period, will be able to grandfather into licensure.

➤ Those who graduate with a Master's Degree in a Human Services or Behavioral Science discipline prior to December 31 of this year and have an ICAC II or equivalent certification *or* five years of clinical addiction counseling experience will be eligible for the LCAC.

➤ Those who are licensed in Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, or Mental Health Counseling and have at least three years of clinical addictions counseling experience by December 31 will be able to grandfather into the LCAC.

➤ Those who already have a Master's Degree in a Human Services or Behavioral Sciences discipline and who get *certified* at the ICAC II level or equivalent by December 31 will be eligible for the LCAC.

➤ Those who graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in a Human Services or Behavioral Sciences discipline prior to December 31 and who have a CADAC IV or equivalent certification and twenty years of addictions counseling experience will be eligible for the LCAC.

➤ Those with no degree who will have 20 years of hold an ICAC I *certification* or equivalent and can qualify for the ICAC II or equivalent by December 31 will be eligible for *licensure*.

Because the legislature re-opened the grandfathering period, IAAP has decided to extend the deadline for renewals of certification until May 1, 2012. If you have not yet renewed your certification, now is the time!

Additionally, I have been fielding numerous phone calls and emails from people who are moving to Indiana from other states and are looking to become certified or licensed in Indiana. Some of these are coming from states that have a NAADAC affiliate—others are not. Several have expressed concern over other organizations' anti-education bias and perceive us as the organization that cares about recovery *and* higher education, which is an accurate perception. This indicates to me that we, as an organization, are clearly getting the message across that we care about increasing professionalism in addictions counseling at all levels.

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The other *BIG NEWS* is that NAADAC has chosen Indianapolis and IAAP to host the 2012 National Conference on Addictions! In addition to our national partners (SAMHSA, NIDA, ATTC, INCASE, NALGAP, NACoA, NARR, NASAC, and SAAS), we are looking to collaborate with DMHA, the International Council on Problem Gambling, and any other state and national addictions organizations willing to join with us to make this a spectacular event. The dates are August 12-15 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis. SAVE THE DATES and stay tuned to the IAAP website for more details as they develop. I would normally write more, but I have to get busy!

Only our best!



Ron Chupp, LCSW, LCAC, NCAC-II, ICAC-II
IAAP President



“Pump-It Powder” Emerges as Latest Synthetic Drug of Concern

First there was K2 and Spice and the slew of synthetic cannabinoids. Then came “Bath Salts”; they were new and they were legal. These drugs were available and sold over-the-counter products in an international web-based marketplace. Many of them were sold in head shops, “medical” marijuana “clinics”, and gas stations in the United States. Now most of these synthetic chemicals are banned by the DEA. But now “Pump-It Powder” enters the fray as an enhanced plant vitamin. It is the latest synthetic drug to be manufactured and sold under the ruse of a substance “not intended for human consumption.”

With a myriad of bath salts and plant food products available on the internet, uncertainty reigns. No one knows for sure what the manufacturers are putting in these synthetics—we do not know *what* may be in their final products. It appears as though *geranamine* is the primary constituent in *Pump-It*. Geranamine is the name given to methylhexanamine, and old-time amphetamine-related stimulant and decongestant found in the geranium plant. Methylhexamine is not scheduled by the DEA; nor has it been widely studied. It was patented in 1944 and has remained largely ignored since that time. However, it has become a prime player in the world of energy drinks.

Pump-It performs in the way we would expect from methylhexamine, but many users have compared it to the bath salts that contained MDPV, including seizures, hallucinations, and paranoia. ER doctors report that users tell them it has effects similar to but more powerful than cocaine or methamphetamine. It triggers symptoms that are consistent with both stimulants and hallucinogens—increased heart rate, body temperature, dilated pupils, etc.—and appear to be dose related.

Methylhexamine can be snorted, smoked, or injected. One concern is that it has a slow absorption rate (remember Barbiturates?) and people using it double or triple their dose because “nothing is happening.” The result is a hyper dose that can lead to hospitalization and death. The high last for 4-6 hours, but can last as long as 12 hours. Pump-It is popular in the Midwest and plains states where it can be found in gas stations, head shops, and on the internet. *Via the internet*

“AeroShot” Inhalable Caffeine Linked to Binge Drinking & Other Health Risks

Breathable caffeine is a “club drug” that is dispensed from containers that can fit into a pants pocket. New York Senator Charles Schumer asked the FDA to review the safety and legality of the AeroShot Pure Energy caffeine inhaler, a yellow and green canister of caffeine powder and B vitamins resembling a tube of lipstick. The inhaler is set to hit store shelves in New York and Boston next month where it will be sold over-the-counter with no age restrictions and touted for its convenience and zero calories. It delivers 100 milligrams of caffeine which are absorbed in the mouth and digestive tract, not through the lungs according to the manufacturer, Breathable Foods. It will sell for \$2.99 and is not intended for anyone younger than 12 years old.

When taken with alcohol, AeroShot has effects similar to caffeinated alcohol drinks which were tied to numerous hospitalizations in the recent past. Doctors say it may carry neurological and cardiovascular risks, and can exacerbate asthma, as well. “The product is nothing more than a club drug designed to give users the ability to drink until they drop” stated Schumer. AeroShot’s advertising in Europe focuses on drinking and partying. The inhaler was created by David Edwards, a professor at Harvard University’s School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, who invented Le Whif, a calorie-free inhalable chocolate. It is sold online by Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Breathable Foods, Inc.

NACoA Vacancy Announcement

Vacancy Announcement for Chief Executive Officer

The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA) is the national nonprofit 501 (c) 3 membership and affiliate organization working on behalf of children of alcohol and drug dependent parents. Our mission is to eliminate the adverse impact of alcohol and drug use on children and families by raising public awareness and providing leadership in public policy at the national, state, and local levels. NACoA advocates for appropriate, effective, and accessible education and prevention services. We facilitate and advance professional knowledge and understanding on behalf of children of alcohol or drug-dependent parents..

This position requires creativity, initiative, strong verbal and writing skills, along with an ability to translate ideas into action. Our successful candidate will provide strategic leadership, guidance, as well as coordinate programs and initiatives to accomplish the mission. The candidate will work independently but collaboratively with the Board of Directors to accomplish these essential duties and responsibilities:

- a) Build and maintain collaborative relationships with private, government, and non-profit organizations;
- b) Develop and implement the organization's long and short-term strategic plan with the Board of Directors;
- c) Represent NACoA's interests in building partnerships and conducting outreach activities;
- d) Represent the addiction field's interests and perspectives, as well as NACoA's specific mission, to federal agencies, legislative bodies, and scientific organizations, in collaboration with other leadership groups as appropriate.
- e) Provide effective daily administration, operations and fiscal management and direction to staff;
- f) Develop and sustain a solid financial position through implementation of fundraising plans and initiatives;
- g) Develop a successful donor base, direct mailings, product sales, corporate and foundation gifting;
- h) Develop competitive applications and proposals for funding to support programs;
- i) Prepare periodic and annual reports to the Board.

Qualified candidates will have a bachelor's degree (Master's degree preferred), 6+ years of experience in administration or management, must be able to demonstrate prior success, and have a passion for children and families. Strong oral, written, and electronic communication skills as well as the demonstrated ability to build relationships within and outside organizations are required. A record of accomplishment in program and resource development is required. This position is located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The ability to travel both within the area and occasionally outside the area is required. Salary and benefits are competitive.

NACoA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical disability. Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to the NACoA Board of Directors' Search Committee. Emails should be sent to NACoASearch@gmail.com. The initial review of applications will begin on April 24, 2012.

Elections are Approaching

Time passes quickly, and often change accompanies this passing. In October 2012, Ron Chupp, our current President of the Indiana Association for Addiction Professionals (IAAP) Board of Directors, will have fulfilled his term as President. It is at that time, when the President-Elect is officially installed as President. Katti Sneed, former Certification Committee Chair, was voted into that position two years ago. Unfortunately, she has resigned from her elected position.

What does this mean for your association? Within the IAAP Bylaws, "if the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, the Immediate Past President will fill the office until a Special Election is held to fill the vacancy". At this time, Brent Stachler is serving in this capacity while the Special Election is underway.

This Special Election shall be held within 90 days, and is defined by your Board of Directors selecting nominees from the current eligible members of this Board. As soon as the Board has identified the nominee(s) for this Office, a ballot will be mailed to each member, and the nominee with the most votes will be installed as President-Elect and remain as such until Fall 2012, at which time this elected individual is installed as President.

While this Special Election is occurring, it is also time to begin thinking who you wish to lead your association. As a member, one of your privileges is voting, and as an active member of the IAAP, members also have the privilege and honor to serve IAAP on Committees and on the Board of Directors. IAAP will be accepting nominations for Officers of this Board, consisting of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. To avoid confusion, the nominees solicited for President-Elect is specifically for this position when it opens in Fall 2012. IAAP will also be accepting nominations for Regional Directors representing the Southeast and Southwest Regions of Indiana. Those considering this opportunity need to be an IAAP member in good standing, have the ability to satisfactorily perform and fulfill all duties and functions of the respective position as enumerated and described in the IAAP Bylaws and have a strong commitment to the vision, mission, and purposes of IAAP.

In addition, each respective Officer of the IAAP Board has to meet the following qualifications and criteria.

For the office of President-Elect, the individual shall have attained a minimum of a Master's degree in Human Services or Behavioral Science field, be licensed as an LCAC, and have a minimum of one full term of service on the IAAP Board of Directors as a Director or an Officer.

For the office of Secretary, the individual shall have attained a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Human Services or Behavioral Science field and be licensed as an LAC or LCAC.

For the office of Treasurer, the individual shall be a member in good standing, have attained a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Human Services, Behavioral Science, Accounting, or Finance field, and be licensed as an LAC or LCAC.

For the Regional Directors, there are two representatives for each region of Indiana, equating to a total of four available positions. Of the two Regional Directors for each region, one shall have attained a minimum of a Master's degree in Human Services or Behavioral Science field and be licensed as an LCAC. The other Regional Director shall have attained a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Human Services or Behavioral Science field and be licensed as an LAC or LCAC.

Nomination forms will be sent to the IAAP membership no later than June 30, 2012. On behalf of the Elections Committee, we look forward to seeing several nominations submitted.

Only our best,



Brent A Stachler, LCAC, LMFT, MAC, NCGC II, CCS
IAAP Immediate Past-President

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Helping Men Recover

While men's addiction and mental health treatment has been quite successful, there is significant room for improvement. This new framework integrates the latest thinking on addiction and recovery, relational cultural theory, male psychological development, and trauma. Current treatment models and theories fail to adequately consider the relational needs of men while omitting a clear understanding of the impact of the socialization process on men as well. They fall short of adequately addressing the impact of abuse and trauma that is profoundly linked with the life of the male addict. This presentation provides an overview of the theory guiding the creation of this new framework.

Attendees will process some of the exercises from the curriculum, *Helping Men Recover*, the first trauma-informed curriculum written specifically for men.

Register online before Monday April 9, 2012 at www.iaapin.org or meet us onsite to register!

Registration Rates:

Regular Registration \$125.00

Student Registration FREE

Directions and Location:

Indiana Wesleyan University

3777 South Priority Way South Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46240

Indiana Wesleyan University's Education Center is in the Precedent Office Park between I-465 and 96th Street, just east of Keystone Ave. on the north side of Indianapolis. Most people have noticed IWU's reflective glass building along the north side of I-465, just east of the Keystone Ave exit (exit 33).

From I-465—Exit I-465 at Keystone Ave. (exit 33). Turn north and go to 96th Street (first stop light). Turn right (east) and go 1/4 mile to Priority Way (second stop light; Precedent Office Park's through the Office Park to IWU. IWU is a large glass building on your right.

Save the Date!
IAAP Fall Conference 2012
October 12th - 13th

NAADAC Annual Conference

Partners

Part of what makes this conference unique is the depth and breadth of partnerships that NAADAC has developed. NAADAC is proud to have joined with ten national and local partners, including the:

Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)



National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)



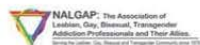
National Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC)



International Coalition for Addiction Studies Education (INCASE)



Indiana Association for Addiction Professionals (IAAP)



NALGAP: The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Addiction Professionals and Their Allies



National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA)



National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA)



National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR)



National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)



State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS)

NAADAC Annual Conference

Come to Indianapolis for a Unique Educational Experience

August 12 – 15, 2012

Indianapolis, Indiana

JW Marriott Indianapolis Downtown



Leading the Way

The NAADAC annual conference, *Leading the Way*, will be held from August 12 – 15, 2012, at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, represents the professional interests of more than 75,000 addiction counselors, educators and other addiction-focused health care professionals in the United States, Canada and abroad.

Education You Need

Leading the Way will include workshops addressing prevention, trauma, legal concerns of addiction-focused professionals, co-occurring disorders, current research and outcomes, ethics, special populations, workplace/management issues, clinical techniques, alternative therapies, faith based approaches, clinical supervision and professional development.

Earn Over 30 Continuing Education Credits

Leading the Way will include ■ keynote speakers, ■ daily plenary sessions and breakout seminars. ■ August 11 will feature several all-day, pre-conference seminars. The conference will also feature an ■ Awards Lunch which will honor outstanding addiction-focused professionals from around the nation and an ■ evening event for the NAADAC Political Action Committee (admission by donation). Also included will be optional ■ evening events, to allow you to earn more education credits or to enjoy your time in Indianapolis.

Explore Indianapolis!

Indianapolis hosted the 2012 Super Bowl and is an amazing center of sporting and cultural life. The conference site is blocks from three museums, Victory Field, the NCAA Hall of Fame, White River State Park, Lucas Oil Stadium, the Indianapolis Zoo and the heart of downtown. The city also boasts the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and a Children's Museum. It's a great spot for one last family vacation before the kids head back to school. For more information on attractions and events in Indy, check out the Indianapolis Convention and Visitor's Association (www.visitindy.com).



Scholarships

Scholarships are available. All scholarship applications must be received 60 days before the first day of the conference (June 12, 2012). Download a scholarship form by visiting www.naadac.org/education.

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BENEFITS OF NAADAC/IAAP MEMBERSHIP

- 33 free CE's via NAADAC's web-site: www.naadac.org - (*Medication Management for Addiction Professionals: Campral Series and Blending Solutions*).
- Free access to NAADAC's online Career Center at www.naadac.org.
- Assistance with referrals concerning ethical or legal questions or complaints and two free hours of help on a Legal Assistance Hotline provided by NAADAC's liability company with malpractice insurance available through the Van Wagner Group.
- Free subscription to NAADAC's official magazine, *Addiction Professional*, which is published six times annually.
- Peer support and network opportunities through national and state conferences and workshops.
- Reduced rates for continuing education including the qualification course for the U.S Department of Transportation's Substance Abuse Professional.
- Reduced rates for publications such as the *Basics of Addiction Counseling: A Desk Reference and Study Guide*, used by experienced professionals and as a guidebook for preparation for certification exams.
- Access to the *NAADAC News*, the association publication only available to NAADAC members.
- Substantially reduced rates for professional Certification and re-certification as National Addiction Counselor (NCAC) or Master Addiction Counselor (MAC). *Please note that certification is not included in NAADAC membership but is a separate process. (Certification is not a requirement of membership in NAADAC.)*
- New avenues for job opportunities and advancement with higher levels of certification.
- A 20 percent discount on all Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services (PES) resources.