

HEALTHCARE OUTREACH PROGRAM

(HOP)

The Healthcare Outreach Program is a committee that was designed to act as a bridge between Overeaters Anonymous and members of the professional community of doctors, psychiatrists, therapists, counselors, and other medical and health care professionals.

HOP started as a pilot program from Central Jersey Intergroup's Outreach Committee, and has now, after the past two years, participated in many events.

Members of the HOP committee have committed to placing and maintaining OA literature in a health care professional's office, hospitals, wellness fairs, rehab centers, and other venues where OA can be of service to those who need this program but do not know anything about it. Hope is the main thrust of this committee's objective.

If you can meet the criteria of the 5 items below we welcome you to participate in this program:

1. OA member should be working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight as well as working a program of attraction. For certain outreach events 1 month of abstinence is needed.
2. OA member should have a good, close relationship with the medical or health care professional and/or facility so that the member can be contacted directly if there are any questions regarding the program and/or a need to replenish these items.
3. The HOP holders, which include 15 copies of the "15 Questions", should be placed so they are conspicuous, plus a pamphlet "Introducing OA to the Health Care Professional", an OA business card.
4. OA member should be responsible for visiting the facility, or contacting the medical professional periodically to make sure that the pamphlet holder is properly displayed and filled with our materials.
5. A record of all participating physicians and health care facilities that have been provided with our materials are to be forwarded to Robin, our project coordinator. She is also to be updated when supplies are replenished.

All materials can be accessed by contacting:

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