

# How Tidewater Intergroup Helps Carry the Message

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Tidewater Intergroup Council (TIC) serves the AA groups in

Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Smithfield, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

*We perform many of the services in our area that carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, including:*

**1** Provides a local **24-hour phone line** for a variety of calls and ensures our number is available in local directories and the Internet.


**TIC 24/7 HOTLINE**

**2** Provides a **local website** with an assortment of information for the inquiring alcoholic or family member, the newcomer, and member services.

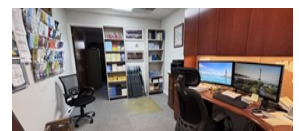


**3** **Responds to incoming requests** for meeting information and follows through on requests for 12<sup>th</sup> step needs. This is a 24 hour, 7 day a week service always staffed by a local member of AA.



**4**  Prepares and distributes **group meeting lists** for our area in print and on the Internet as well as ensures the "Meeting Guide App" receives up to date information from our area.

**5** **AA GRAPEVINE**  
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous



Maintains a **local office** for workers, volunteers and small committee meetings. The office maintains an abundant supply of AA General Service Conference approved literature for sale including books, pamphlets and Grapevine writings. The office is overseen by a collaborative group of local VAC District representatives along with Tidewater Intergroup representation and as such, is a significant means for Unity in our local fellowship.

**6** Prepares and distributes the **Harmony**, the Intergroup's monthly newsletter with reports from local committees, announcements of local events including group and workshop happenings, new and changed meetings, monthly TIC financial statement and monthly local birthdays.



**The Harmony Online**

**7** Conducts **monthly meetings** for Intergroup Service Representatives from around the area to receive financial and committee reports and gather a group conscience on any business needing local attention.



**Intergroup provides coordination and support for local committees  
that interact with the community and public**

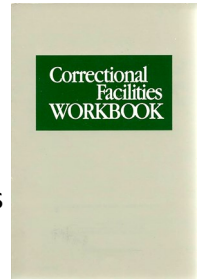
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**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC)** – Establishes and maintains cooperation with professionals including health, legal, education, faith-based, social, military and employment professionals. *AA Guidelines say “When there is a good working relationship between AA members in the community and paid alcoholism workers, the sick alcoholic is the winner.”*

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**Corrections Committee** – Provides information and assistance to institutions and offenders such as carrying meetings into corrections facilities, providing inmate correspondence and arranging for release contact persons with the Pre-Release Contact Program. The committee also shares with local groups about the various service opportunities available to carry our message to alcoholics behind bars. The committee provides and manages the “pink can” that funds the purchase and distribution of AA Conference approved literature to corrections facilities.



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**Public Information Committee (PI)** – Gathers and provides information regarding AA to the general public in various ways including: print, radio, television, internet, civic organizations, libraries, businesses, schools, etc. The primary purpose of the PI committee is to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers and the community so they can have an informed understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous.



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**Treatment and Accessibilities Committee** – Provides information and coordination of 12<sup>th</sup> step work, including meetings, with hospitals, treatment facilities and other related organizations. The committee assists the transition of people in these facilities from treatment to AA with a “Bridging the Gap” volunteer list. This committee also seeks to carry the message to alcoholics who experience barriers to accessing AA.



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**Saturday of Service** – Partners with the four local districts for this annual event that brings together the districts and service committees to provide the latest information and literature about carrying the message to alcoholics. The Virginia Delegate also attends this meeting to provide their annual General Service Conference (GSC) report.



**Tidewater Intergroup follows Seventh Tradition principles and is supported  
solely by the contributions of local groups and members.**

**Your contributions ensure local AA services are ready and available  
whenever someone reaches for the hand of AA.**