



ICYPAA

International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
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ICYPAA FACTS, AIMS, AND PURPOSES

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Young People's Groups in Alcoholics Anonymous began appearing around 1945 in Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Philadelphia, and now they can be found all across North America. In 1958, a meeting of young AA's from across the U.S. and Canada started what is now the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), and it has met on an annual basis ever since. At the 1960 AA Convention, Bill W. noted that the age of new members was much lower than when he and Dr. Bob founded AA 25 years earlier. In a letter to ICYPAA dated June 15, 1969, Bill wrote "... in recent years I have found nothing for greater inspiration than the knowledge that A.A. of tomorrow will be safe, and certainly magnificent, in the keeping of you who are the younger generation of A.A. today."

ICYPAA was founded for the purpose of providing a setting for an annual celebration of sobriety among young people in AA. Since its inception, a growing group of people, who at first would not consider themselves as "young people," has become regular attendees. The number of young people suffering from alcoholism who turn to AA for help is growing, and ICYPAA helps to carry AA's message of recovery to alcoholics of all ages. This meeting provides an opportunity for young AA's from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA members who attend an ICYPAA return home better prepared to receive young people who come to AA looking for a better way of life.

ICYPAA provides visible evidence that large numbers of young people are achieving a lasting and comfortable sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. The three legacies of AA -- Recovery, Unity, and Service -- are the backbone of ICYPAA, just as they are throughout AA. ICYPAA has a long history as an established AA conference. It regularly contributes to the AA General Service Office, as well as to the Area Service Structure in the local areas where it is held. ICYPAA and its attendees are also committed to reaching out to the newcomer, and to involvement in every other facet of AA service. ICYPAA participants can often be found serving at the national, state, area, and group levels. Newcomers are shown, by people their own age, that using AA principles in their daily lives and getting involved in AA service can have a significant impact on a lasting and comfortable sobriety.



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ICYPAA ADVISORY COUNCIL

In 1961 at the Milwaukee Conference, a permanent committee was established as the guardian for the future of the Conference, to be known as the ICYPAA Advisory Council. The ICYPAA Advisory Council is comprised of members from past ICYPAA Host Committees. It is a custodial body that preserves the efforts, experience, and history of ICYPAA. As the guardian of the shared experience of past Conferences, the Advisory Council does not speak for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, nor does it propose to be a universal answer or a governing body of young people in A.A. The Council strives to function with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous as its spiritual guide.

The Council is the custodian of the Conference and the Board of Directors of ICYPAA, Inc. 501(c)3. It is both the legal guardian and spiritual servant of ICYPAA. Its purposes include, but are not limited to:

- Practice the A.A. Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of World Service.
- Make available, to any A.A. member who requests it, information regarding ICYPAA and Young People in A.A.
- Make regular contact with the General Service Office.
- Provide guidance to Committees who are bidding for the Conference.
- Select future conference sites from bids offered at each year's Conference.
- Provide guidance to the current Host Committee.
- Provide custodial oversight of ICYPAA and maintain veto power over the Host Committee.
- Protect the corporation and its assets, and manage the corporation using best practices of not-for-profits.
- Uphold its fiduciary responsibility to the Conference.
- Practice transparency in its affairs.
- Maintain the ICYPAA archives.



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The Advisory Council is at your disposal. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions.

If you would like information regarding ICYPAA, or if you would like to share experience, strength, and hope, please write to the address or email below.

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