

What Is A Central Office?

A Central Office (or Intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community—just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups—functions which are best handled by a centralized office—and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The A.A. experience has demonstrated that central offices are helpful, particularly in populous areas.

Are Intergroups and Central Offices a Part of AA?

YES! Traditionally, Intergroup/Central Offices and General Service Committees perform different functions and are two separate service structures. The easiest way to identify each service is to remember that Intergroups provide local services, whereas the General Service Structure links the groups to the A.A. General Service Board in New York, which provides services worldwide. These two separate but vital service structures coexist in mutual cooperation and harmony to the benefit of the entire Fellowship.

What Does the Salt River Intergroup Central Office Do?

24 Hour Hotline

Answered by A.A. members in the office during the day and night by TAS. We answer questions about the Fellowship, give meeting information and directions and arrange 12 Step calls.

12 Step List

Central Office maintains a current list of 12 Step volunteers. These A.A. members are available and willing to make 12 Step calls.

Valley Wide Meeting List

Phoenix Metro Area meeting list is maintained. New books are printed twice a year.

SRI Website

Provides information on A.A. events in the area, provides the Valley Wide Meeting List and Map which is updated weekly.

Newsletter

The Filing Cabinet is printed and distributed monthly. This is an important means of communication with the groups and members in the area. The newsletter includes articles of interest from members, Intergroup meeting minutes, financial reports, event fliers, service opportunities and group announcements.

Literature Sales

Conference approved books and pamphlets and other recovery items are available for sale.

Special Events

Anniversary of A.A. in the Valley

This annual event celebrates the long life of A.A. in “The Valley of the Sun”. The evening offers a social hour and a speaker meeting.

SRI Summer Roundup

Every year SRI sponsors a three-day A.A. Conference with AI-anon participation. Usually it is scheduled for the 2nd weekend in August. The agenda features guest speakers, marathon meetings, social activities and a banquet.

Winter Alcolthon

One of the oldest Winter Alcolthons in existence, this event offers 25 hours of continuous A.A. meetings, hospitality, and other activities for the holiday. It runs from December 24th through December 25th.



Salt River Intergroup (SRI)

Local group representatives reflect the groups' conscience in the central office operations. Each group in the community is asked to send a representative to the monthly intergroup meeting. From these representatives officers are elected and a steering committee is set up to handle the administrative activities of the central office. The steering committee meets monthly and deals with general policy and plans. They then report to the group representatives on intergroup issues and accomplishments, keeping a two-way flow of information going between intergroup and the groups.

Because the central office incurs financial obligations that are quite different from those of an A.A. group, it must rely on contributions from groups and individuals. The central office encourages contributions, no matter how small, from groups who find it convenient to use its services. If a group cannot, for whatever reason, contribute their share of the costs, the spirit of voluntary contribution applies and they will never be denied services.

The office is a place where groups can share information with each other, stay informed of events in other areas and research traditions and A.A. history.

There is always an opportunity to be of service at the Central Office. Stop by and help with the monthly mailings or small projects or just have a cup of Joe and a conversation. We are here to serve you!

I Am Responsible

“When Anyone, Anywhere,

Reaches Out for Help,

I Want the Hand of A.A.

Always to be There.

And for That, I Am

Responsible.”

For most current meeting information go to
www.aaphoenix.org/meetings

Further information about the work of Alcoholics Anonymous may be obtained by contacting:

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Phoenix, AZ 85032
www.aaphoenix.org

**24 HOUR HOTLINE:
602-264-1341**

A.A. Central Office

*“Our Primary Purpose
is to aid the AA groups
in their common
purpose of carrying the
message to the
alcoholic who still
suffers.”*

