11 MYTHS ABOUT NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT NA THAT CONTRIBUTE TO A LACK OF ATTENTION TO THE ORGANIZATION AS A RECOVERY SUPPORT RESOURCE FOR OPIOID ADDICTION.

**MYTH #1 - NA IS A TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION & OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.**

**MYTH #2 - NA MEETINGS & THE NA PROGRAM ARE NOT WIDELY ACCESSIBLE.**

**MYTH #3 - NA SUFFERS FROM A LACK OF MEMBERS IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY.**

**MYTH #4 - NA DOES NOT EFFECTIVELY SERVE WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES, & OTHER HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED POPULATIONS.**

**MYTH #5 - NA IS ANTI-TREATMENT.**

**MYTH #6 - OPIOID DEPENDENT YOUTH SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO NA DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT ITS EFFECTIVENESS & SAFETY.**

**MYTH #7 - PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND NA UNLESS THEY HAVE A PRE-EXISTING RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION THAT WOULD MAKE A 12-STEP PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THEM.**

**MYTH #8 - NA DOES NOT HAVE A ROLE IN REDUCING THE SOCIAL COSTS OF OPIOID ADDICTIONS NOR IN OTHER SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**MYTH #9 - NA (12-STEP) INVOLVEMENT IS ANOTHER FORM OF DEPENDENCY THAT PERSONALLY & POLITICALLY DISEMPowers ITS MEMBERS, COMPROMISES QUALITY OF LIFE, & PERPETUATES SOCIAL ISOLATION WITHIN A DRUG-ORIENTED SOCIAL NETWORK.**

**MYTH #10 - PEOPLE WITH A CO-OCCURRING PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO NA BECAUSE THEY WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CEASE USING THEIR MEDICATIONS.**

**MYTH #11 - PEOPLE IN MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR OPIOID ADDICTION SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO NA DUE TO NA’S ATTITUDES TOWARD MAINTENANCE MEDICATIONS.**

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