

If you are interested in serving as a local representative for the Chicago Area Intergroup to the SA Correctional Facilities Committee (described below), please contact chairman@chicagosa.org

Sexaholics Anonymous Correctional Facilities Committee (SACFC)

The SACFC is a national committee made up of local members who are dedicated to carrying the SA message to incarcerated sexaholics. We support members, groups and Intergroups in their work with correctional facilities by providing them with literature that is commonly used by our members during 12-Step work and by sharing with them the experience, strength and hope that Sexaholics Anonymous has gained over time doing this work.

Representatives

The work of our committee relies on the support and involvement of local representatives. Each member who agrees to serve as a correctional facilities local representative plays a vital link in our efforts to carry the SA message. When an inquiry from a prisoner or prison official arrives at Sexaholics Anonymous, that inquiry is forwarded to a local representative. The local membership then decides how best to respond. If desired, they may ask the committee for input, regarding what other members have done in similar situations. If there is no local representative, then another committee member will answer the request.

In a few areas of the country local members have formed SACFC committees within their Intergroups. Generally, it is more common to have one or two people perform this type of service work. We recommend that at least two people go on any 12-Step calls related to service work in correctional facilities. We also recommend that the members involved in prison service have the support of their sponsors, local group and/or Intergroup.

Services

The primary purpose of Sexaholics Anonymous is to help sexaholics who still suffer. For sexaholics in correctional institutions, we offer the following services:

Complimentary SA Literature: When requested by a prisoner or correctional official, this service will ship free copies of SA literature such as the SA manual (The White Book), our quarterly newsletter *ESSAY*, brochures such as "SA to the Newcomer" and "SA As a Resource for the Health and Helping Professional", as well as a literature request form.

Sponsor-by-Mail Service: Working the Steps is vital to SA recovery. This service links prisoners with members on the outside who can help them work the Twelve Steps of Sexaholics Anonymous. If you want to be sponsored, or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor, then please contact the SACFC by email, phone, or letter. We have developed a Sponsor-by-Mail packet which addresses the special requirements of sponsorship by mail and which allows the prisoner to safely work through their Steps. This packet can be sent by mail or email.

Meeting Service: This service supports prisoners and officials who want to start SA meetings in their correctional facilities. Sometimes we can help by providing prison officials with additional information. If there is a local SA group, we may be able to arrange for members of that group to visit correctional officials and/or attend meetings in that facility.

Connection Service: This service provides parolees with the nearest SA contact. This information may be obtained by contacting the SACFC prior to or just after the prisoner is released.