



**Treatment Professionals
in Alumni Services**
Recovery through Collaboration

Code of Ethics

Preamble

Treatment Professionals in Alumni Services is a professional membership organization that promotes the effective practice of addiction recovery and alumni services by providing a forum for collaboration, innovation, best practices, and professional development.

The Treatment Professional Alumni Services (TPAS) and its member facilities believe and endorse the concept that alcoholism and chemical dependence are complex family illnesses in which an individual's ingestion of alcohol and/or chemicals seriously and repeatedly interferes with health, job performance, family welfare and interpersonal relations.

We believe that a person with alcoholism and or chemical dependence cannot return to the use of alcohol or other mood altering chemicals. Return to such use is viewed as a relapse in the recovery process. Primary goals in treatment are to help assure that the individual strives for sustaining abstinence and together with family members, seeks a more meaningful, satisfying and productive way of life in recovery.

Just as personal responsibility and accountability are underscored in treatment for the recovery process, TPAS members shall assume such responsibility and accountability in their provision of aftercare and recovery support services, in their management practices, in their staff relationships, in their relationships with other publics, and in their marketing. Further, TPAS member organizations and supporting members will engage and do business only with other like-minded partners and organizations who themselves also abide by these basic ethical practices and standards.

To help assure such responsibility and accountability, the Treatment Professional Alumni Services has this Code of Ethics. This code of generally acceptable ethical practices is seen as a dynamic statement that has the acceptance of each member and each associate member upon joining the organization

Willingness to Collaborate

A desire to freely share your experience and expertise.

Commitment to Long-term Recovery

Improving life-long outcomes for clients and growing the global recovery community.

Dedication to Our Professional Alliance

Strengthening the TPAS organization, an invaluable resource for treatment professionals.

Defining Best Practices

Empowering and educating others about alumni program standards of excellence.

Belonging to the TPAS Family

Deeply valuing relationships made through TPAS membership and Collaborative events.

Marketing

TPAS Members will not exploit the membership list to market or solicit their services to other members before, during or after any Collaborative event.