

NEWS RELEASE

JANUARY 2001

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE-NEW JERSEY
1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite 205, Hamilton, NJ 08619

CONTACT: DODIE MURPHY, MSW, LCSW
609/689-0599 x.152
609/291-1412 (home)
dmurphy@ncaddnj.org

Alcoholics, addicts in recovery sought for advocacy work

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-New Jersey is compiling a list of recovering alcoholics and addicts and their family members who would be willing to tell their stories to the press and/or testify at public hearings on addiction-related issues.

“Going public” with one’s story of addiction recovery does not violate the anonymity tradition of 12-step groups because those traditions only apply to revealing 12-step group membership to the press, radio or television. Those with the disease of alcoholism or addiction are free to identify themselves as such as long as 12-step group membership is not disclosed.

This project is part of a nationwide effort to reduce the stigma surrounding addictive diseases by putting a face on recovery.

For information or to participate write to Dodie Murphy, NCADD-New Jersey, 1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite 205, Mercerville, NJ 08619 or call her at 609/689-0599 x 152. She also can be reached by e-mail at dmurphy@ncaddnj.org.