

# The Benefits of Membership

Currently, there is no national or state organization to represent the interests of providers of Anger Management. Professional mental health organizations are carefully looking at anger management as is area of specialization to add to their turf. Unless, providers of anger management organize to represent our own interests, we will be defined by others whose interests may not coincide with those of us who work daily to provide these services. ***Therefore, The American Association of Anger Management Providers is being formed to address these issues.***

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **State and National Conferences with Programs/Speakers:**

State Chapters will schedule annual conferences in which presentations and ceu training will be held. Each Chapter will have its own Website which will list its members and market its programs and goals. The National organization will serve as the official voice of the Association.

### **The Newsletter:**

This is the place to receive National and Chapter news and views, read professional articles, receive a calendar of National and local events and get updates on current professional concerns. Members are eligible for reduced fees for classified advertising and may submit articles of interest to the general readership. The Newsletter is mailed out every two months to the entire membership. It will appear on the website as well.

### **The American Association of Anger Management Providers Website and Elist Server:**

The AAAMP website will provide you with an electronic Internet link to your Chapter and professional community. It will provide an online application form, Chapter events, information and many other services. It will also allow the general public access to searching for anger management providers using a variety of criteria or being referred to providers through the Referral Service.

The Elist server will allow members with email to send a message to over 100 other Chapter members by sending a single message to the Elist address. (Please note there will be restrictions on the type of messages you are allowed to send.)

### **Newly Certified provider Member Services:**

Support is available for newly Certified members. Assistance is provided in finding qualified internships, mentors and supervisors. (Click on the "chapter events" section for contact and meeting information.)

### **The Phone Tree**

Volunteers will update AAAMP members regularly on legislative and legal issues, as well as chapter events and information.

### **Special Conference/Programs:**

Special programs or conferences will be held locally by the State Chapter and by AAAMP on a nation-wide basis. Belonging to State Chapters will allow you to receive substantial discounts on conferences and workshops. Belonging to your local AAAMP Chapter ensures that you will know other professionals who are also interested in expanding their professional knowledge base and exploring the complex issues we face in the emerging specialization of Anger Management Intervention.

**Consultation/Study Groups:**

Peer consultation/study groups may be organized around specific populations, problems or orientations. Given the newness of anger management intervention, all providers should work to increase the knowledge base of this new area of specialization.

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**NETWORKING****Bi-annual Conferences:**

Bi-annual conferences will provide an excellent opportunity to network with fellow providers, introduce yourself, delineate your area of specialization, trade business cards, distribute flyers and expand your professional referral base. Some meetings will be specifically designed as networking functions, such as the annual dinner meeting and Provider Exposition.

**Mailing Labels, Advertising and Classified ads:**

Members of the State Chapter and other professionals in the community are able to buy chapter member mailing lists/labels and advertise in the Newsletter.

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**PRACTICE BUILDING****Provider Directory - Mailed Copy and Online Database:**

The Directory will include Professional listings of members' specialties, orientations and groups. An online searchable data base of participating members will be available to prospective clients who access the AAAMP website.

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