



Addiction Intervention Services

Interventions for addiction and compulsive behaviors



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Feeling Helpless?

Not sure how to help a loved one who is unable to manage their alcohol or drug use, gambling, eating disorder, sexual conduct or cutting?

Are you feeling exhausted, worn out, worried sick? Having trouble sleeping? Having trouble working or thinking about anything else?



We can help!

A professional intervention is a scheduled meeting with family and friends and others who care about the addicted person. The goal of the intervention is to get this person into inpatient treatment to help break the cycle of addiction. This is their best chance.

Our work involves assessment of the issues, completing an intervention best suited to the situation, and planning effective treatment to help the person reach long term recovery.

We will also help you and the rest of the family turn the problem over to those who can help and turn your attention back to your own lives and your own happiness.

Remember happiness? We'll help you find it!



Is An Intervention Right For Your Family?

There is no cure for the disease of addiction, but there is treatment and recovery. Recovery is a process, and intervention is the first step in this process. By planning an intervention, you are making a choice to reclaim your power, health and joy.

We intervene on people who are drinking or using illegal or prescription drugs to excess, in ways that are affecting their health, mood, and relationships to others.

We intervene on people who have compulsive behaviors about sex, pornography, strip clubs, and emotional or sexual affairs. We intervene on people who are gambling legally and illegally.

We intervene on people who have compulsive behaviors about food, eating or not eating. We intervene on people who are cutting, burning or mutilating themselves.

Whatever the secrets are in your family, we've heard them before and we will not judge you or your loved one. We know about the lying, the broken promises, the shame, the grief, the guilt.

We want to lead your whole family back to a place of joy, intimacy, laughter, peace.

Call now to begin the journey!





Are interventions effective?

Interventions are always successful. Regardless of whether the person agrees to go to treatment, a positive shift takes place within the family. Denial is broken and awareness begins.



I'm afraid my loved one won't come to an invitational intervention.

Believe it or not, they come. We have never had an addict not attend, when invited in the way we teach the family. They come!



Do I have to be part of the treatment?

We recommend that all family members participate in the family programs offered while your loved one is in treatment. These are amazing experiences of healing.



Why do I have to attend 12 Step meetings?

We need the family shift to start even before the intervention. Attending 12 Step meetings provides education and support that helps the process begin. You will need your own support through this process, and this is a part.



How Does It Work?

There are several types of interventions out there. You may have seen the “ambush-style” intervention on television. This is commonly referred to as the “Johnson Model” and it was the first type of intervention that was commonly used.

We prefer the invitational model, which is a respectful, non-secretive and **non-shaming**. Different forms of this model are becoming more and more common, and we prefer this method for most families.

Our Family Transformational Model is a 2-day intervention which focuses on the whole family, not just the addicted person. For two full days, the family journeys through educational, therapeutic and spiritual activities together. The goal is not just treatment, but recovery.

Intervention is the first step in recovery. Our ultimate goal for every addicted person is long-term recovery from the disease of addiction. We recognize the inherent shame of people with this disease and we will uphold the dignity of everyone involved in the intervention, including the addicted person. There is shame in addiction, but there is no shame in recovery. Our goal is to treat everyone with respect and kindness.

We believe the best chance for recovery from addiction involves the care and support of a loving family. We welcome opportunities to assist the whole family to make positive choices toward health and wholeness.

We offer hope and choices for everyone. It's not too late to intervene and change the direction of your life.



How Do I Get Started?

Who Will Attend?

One of the first things to consider for an intervention is who will attend.

Family, friends, coworkers, employers, religious figures, neighbors, many

people should be considered. It takes a minimum of three people, but more is always better. People are our power! Non-relatives can be wonderful assets.



Our Requirements

We personalize each and every intervention. Sometimes we speed them up or slow them down, depending on what's happening. We do some screening over the phone, and then schedule a formal family meeting to gather information for the intervention from family members who are close by.

We have requirements for all who will be participating in the intervention. There will be paperwork, reading and viewing materials and requirements about 12 Step Meeting attendance and abstinence from substances and behaviors.

We will provide hope, information, support and guidance at the beginning of this difficult journey. We have seen the amazing outcomes that take place.



Our Intervention Team



Gerald Katchmer, MSW & Anne Crothers, M. Ed.

Jerry Katchmer, MSW is an expert in addiction counseling. His style is multi-modality including client-centered, reality-based and feeling-based. He practices in Florida

Anne K. Crothers, M. Ed. Is an expert in trauma and abuse. She works with addiction and codependency and has an eclectic, expressive style. She practices here at Healing Works.

Their approach is family-based, believing that the disease of addiction affects the whole family and that the whole family needs support and treatment to address the crisis.

They have adapted the intervention models used by Bill Maher, Ed Storti, and others and created their own hybrid style. They work with many amazing treatment facilities including the Caron Foundation in Wernersville, PA.