**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of CAAP and NAADAC is to lead, unify, and empower addiction-focused professionals and service providers to achieve excellence through advocacy, education, standards-of-practice, ethics, professional development, and research.

CAAP promotes excellence in care by advocating for state-of-the-art science-, evidence-, and outcome-based services for clients, families, and communities. CAAP is committed to offering its membership and others ongoing educational opportunities, clinical training, and increased professional standing at the local, state, and national levels.

**HISTORY**

Founded in 1983 as Colorado Addiction Counselors, the Society of Addiction Counselors of Colorado (SACC) — now doing business as CAAP — affiliated with NAADAC, the National Association for Addiction Professionals in 1993. NAADAC is the largest national organization for professionals and allied service providers. NAADAC, from its inception in 1972, has committed to increasing awareness and education specific to alcohol, drug and addictive behavior disorders, and enhancing the care of individuals through prevention, education, treatment, and recovery support.

CAAP and NAADAC are committed to "helping people recover their lives." CAAP (a) lobbies on behalf of clinicians and service providers at the Capitol including efforts for parity amongst all behavioral health service providers, (b) developed a platform for testing and credentialing of clinicians and service providers, (c) promote professional practice through a widely-adopted Code of Ethics, and (d) work with the legislature and SAMHSA to provide ongoing opportunities for treatment and workforce development.

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**WHAT IS ADDICTION?**

Science has shown that addiction is a brain disease that responds well to treatment and recovery support services. Research is providing a better understanding of how drugs and alcohol and addictive behaviors affect the brain and body, and its ability to heal & recover.

NAADAC and CAAP support ongoing research to understand addictive behaviors and treatment/recovery. Addiction is the number one public health issue in the United States today (NAADAC; SAMHSA).

**CAAP and NAADAC are working to make treatment and recovery support services — by educated, trained, skilled, and credentialed addiction counselors — available to every person who needs it.**

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**BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- By joining NAADAC — you also join CAAP
- Over 75 online CE credits free exclusively for NAADAC members (3 online courses & 70+ hours of webinars)
- Free subscription to NAADAC's official magazine: Advances in Addiction & Recovery
- Attendance and voting privileges at the CAAP annual business meeting and educational presentation
- Reduced rates through NAADAC for continuing education, independent study courses including qualification and re-qualification courses for DOT's Substance Abuse Professional (SAP)
- Reduced rates at NAADAC-sponsored conferences
- 20% discount on all Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services (PES) resources
- An influential and effective voice for addiction professionals before Congress, federal administration, CO state government & influential entities – the key governmental bodies that determine how addiction treatment is funded and administered
- Networking opportunities through national and state conferences, workshops, and lunch & learns
- A nationally-recognized Code of Ethics to promote ethical and professional practice
- Access to NAADAC Career Center, where you can look through NAADAC's national and international job listings and post openings within your organization
- Reduced rates on national certification and recertification tests (NCAC I, NCAC II, MAC exams)
- Reduced rates for malpractice and liability insurance for individuals and agencies
- Ability to attend CAAP Board meetings (4th Saturday of every month), to serve on a committee, or become a board member – your voice needs to be heard!

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