



Where can one find help for Sexual Addiction Problems right here in Colorado... in one's own community? How can one do so without drawing attention to his/her carefully hidden secrets? What resource might provide ALL the 12-Step choices... with comparisons to help one decide what is personally best? **The Colorado Service Group** is just such an inter-fellowship website with a list of all 12-step S-meetings... one that directs inquirers to empathetic listeners... those who know the suffering, the shame, the profound feelings of failure and fear of being found out. The Colorado Service Group website lays out lots of resources: helpers on the phone, via email or face-to-face... peer group meetings, retreats, conferences, and literature.

FIVE SERVICES for Colorado

1. Statewide Meetings List

Newcomers, inquirers, and helping professionals, can see the meetings available in this state and how to visit them. Viewers can PRINT a copy. Some meetings print copies for their Literature Table. When doing a "90 and 90" (90 mtgs in 90 days) it helps to find those available for certain days of the week.

2. Website - "coloradoservicegroup.org"

Information on all 12-Step S-fellowships, directing inquirers to **all** of Colorado's "S-meetings," intergroups, special events and international fellowships.



3. Telephone Information Message

(303) 427-0176 is listed as "Sexual Addiction Problems Organizations" in the White Pages of several Colorado phone books. It directs callers to our website for "Sex-Related 12-Step Programs."

4. Statewide Retreats

Recovering people share their experience, strength and hope. Speakers from **all** the S-fellowships have appeared by invitation since the first retreat at the Evergreen Conference Center in August 1988. See our website regarding the next CSG event.

5. Inter-Fellowship Information Projects

Recovery Stories by Colorado Members that supplement fellowship-approved literature... written by local members of differing fellowships

Comparisons of differing beliefs and practices among the ten S-fellowships:

"The Twelve Steps" - a *Comparison* of all Ten S-Fellowships... highlighting the ways they differ from the original AA version and each other.

Self-Discovery Tools - the questionnaire of each fellowship
Personal Obsessions (defined) - as expressed in the *First Step* of each of the S-Fellowships

Recovery Goals (described for the fellowship) - as expressed in the *Third Tradition* of each of the S-Fellowships.

Historical Information:

"The International Fellowships" - *Sex-Related 12-Step Programs - How They Started & Why They Differ*

TO HELP ADDICTS RECOVER, the CSG Website provides information regarding...

- (1) How to reach **someone in person** who can answer your questions
- (2) The location of **Local meetings** of peers who help one another get through the struggle to break the bonds of addiction
- (3) How to find **textbooks, pamphlets, periodicals** of the various fellowships written by peers about their personal recovery
- (4) Fellowship **comparisons** and their history

(5) **Retreats** conducted by and attended by Colorado S-members who share their stories, their wisdom and their hope. They are "closed" meetings and not open to the public.

INCLUSIVE RETREATS

Since individuals often find help in several fellowships, the CSG provides statewide retreats that bring together persons from across the spectrum. By contrast, each fellowship intergroup has its own annual conference or retreat tailored to its own exclusive beliefs and practices. The goal of CSG retreats is to supplement those endeavors by providing "inclusive" experiences as we've found there is so much to be learned from one another.

S-MEETINGS, S-FELLOWSHIPS

CSG is a small service committee that serves local 12-Step meetings that address Sex-related addiction problems. Our term for grouping denominations together is "**S-meetings**" and **S-fellowships**. This geographic cooperation has been going on here since 1987 as an *Inter-Fellowship Outreach to Those Who Are Suffering in Colorado*.

COLLABORATION

The Colorado Service Group facilitates collaboration among all S-meetings based upon geographic proximity rather than their fellowship identities. Organized exactly like intergroups, it is a service board or committee directly responsible to those it serves. It does not govern. CSG provides information about all the fellowships without criticizing or interfering with any. This is a unique service, since the intergroups and central service offices of the S-fellowships carefully avoid commenting on other denominations.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES – GSR's

Although today's 75 Colorado S-meetings number more than a thousand members, the CSG committee meeting is usually attended by five to ten persons. They are "Group Service Representatives,"







GSR's appointed by their home meetings to take part in this cooperative outreach. CSG is not an "outside organization," but a geographically defined effort by autonomous S-meetings to help the suffering. Using their home phone or cellphone, GSR's join a one hour teleconference meeting on the first Sunday of each month. For details see our website: "CSG Pages/ **The Group Service Rep.**" or write to: info@coloradoservicegroup.org



25 YEARS of OUTREACH

CSG was originally formed in 1987 by seven Colorado meetings from three fellowships. The first effort was to create a combined S-Meetings List for persons attending a *John Bradshaw Event...* to let those substance abusers know how to locate 12-Step meetings addressing sexual dependency.

CSG has continued making inter-fellowship S-Meeting Lists non-stop for 25 years. Over time, CSG has gained cooperation of most local meetings from the following fellowships:

-  Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)
-  Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA)
-  Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)
-  Sex Anonymous (SexA) Colorado Springs, Canon City
-  Capitol Hill Sexual Recovery Denver
-  Recovering Sex Offenders Anonymous (RSOA) Lakewood
-  Codependents of Sexual Addiction (COSA)
-  S-ANON International Family Groups
-  Recovering Couples Anonymous (RCA)
-  Survivors of Incest Anonymous (SIA)

COLORADO'S INTERGROUPS

- 1994 to 2001 a Colorado  SLAA Inter-group

formed to send Delegates to SLAA-FWS Bus.Mtgs.

- 1995 the **Denver Unity Intergroup of  Sexaholics Anonymous** began providing info for their 25 meetings [coloradosa.org 303.292.3376].
- 2001 the **Colorado  SAA Intergroup** formed to do the same for the 18 SAA meetings in the state. [colosaaintergroup.org 303.847.4980].
- 2011 the **Western Slope Intergroup of  Sexaholics Anonymous** began [westernslopesa.org].

These intergroups are a part of the infrastructure of their international fellowships. They do more than outreach. They support their respective International Service Offices and handle inquiries from the media. Each one organizes statewide retreats/conferences for their denomination. They avoid comparing themselves to, or explaining other fellowships.

FUNDING

CSG is funded by donations from individual members and mainly by the local meetings it serves. Funds pay for phone, website, printing, retreat meeting rooms, and retreat scholarships for newcomers with special financial needs. Donations can be mailed to: CSG, POBox 284, Englewood CO 80151. Please identify the meeting sending the funds.

TO CONTACT CSG

Each year the CSG elects a chairperson/ president, secretary and treasurer who are available to all. Decision making is through group conscience, guided by the collective conscience of the autonomous member meetings.

CSG is Incorporated in the State of Colorado. The By-Laws and monthly Financial Reports are published in our website. Since intergroups and individual meetings have taken over telephone response, the CSG does not any longer provide live telephone response. Questions, suggestions, criticisms, may be relayed to CSG via your home group's GSR, or: info@coloradoservicegroup.org

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An Inter-Fellowship Outreach to Those Who Are Suffering in our State since 1987



Cooperative Efforts to Assist Persons in 12-Step Recovery for Sexual Issues at

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