

# Narconon® Arrowhead

Drug Rehabilitation and Education Services

## Community Involvement News

### Meet Joe Meints!



My name is Joe Meints. I graduated the Narconon program at Narconon Arrowhead in March of 2003. I knew when I left that I wanted to help other people who were addicted to drugs, so that they could have the success that I had. I immediately found out about the community involvement specialist program at Narconon Arrowhead.

When I got home, I tried to pick up where I left off before I started using drugs. Being from a small town everyone knew my situation before, and they realized that I had really changed. Then, a lady called and said she had some questions about her son. He was the first person that I referred to Narconon Arrowhead. That was the first time that I had ever worked with a family; I realized so many people were lost and needed help. I soon realized that I could make a difference. So, I began to search for people in my area that had the most contact with drug addicts.

My first thought was the police department. I remembered a cop that had arrested me before, so I contacted him. I went over the data and he didn't seem to care, which was discouraging. But then I noticed other officers were interested in the literature I was handing out. A gentleman asked me to bring in a video and some information, I gladly followed through. Soon after, there was an officer that had just arrested someone and the mom was heartbroken and searching for answers about her son. The officer gave me their number, I had a meeting with them, and then I referred him to Narconon Arrowhead. That opened a lot of doors for me because the police are involved with all kinds of different agencies.

So many different local agencies are in contact with people that abuse drugs. I went to the local church and talked to the preachers. The church had lost a lot of people due to drug use. The pastor had a wife that was also involved with the department of human services. At first, I didn't see why she would care, she dealt with

minors. But what I soon realized was that many of the parents of the children she worked with were on drugs. They would rather avoid taking the children from the home so they try to repair the home instead. So the state was really interested.

Narconon helped me take a few steps on my own. I received constant help from Narconon. Website advice, news paper ads, and promotional items were only a fraction of their services. With all of the new lines of communication that I made, the one solid thing that I found was if you don't go out and work with the families themselves and the addicts themselves and do everything that you can, then you aren't going to be making any referrals. The more prepared the addict is to enter the Narconon Program, the better chances they have of succeeding. It is vital that the people you send do well. Stay in contact with the people you help, be a support group for them, help them to maintain and do well. Reassurance of the program will help them reinforce what they need to be doing to stay clean.

Basically, being involved with the community and letting people see the difference that can be made is always your best shot. Also, being involved with other organizations such as Homeless Shelters, Hospitals, Churches, and Non-Profit Organizations can be proved to be valuable resources.

Overall, it depends on how you present yourself to others. People don't rely on un-ethical people to help them with personal problems such as addiction. Use what you learned at Narconon. Then go out and help as many people as you can!

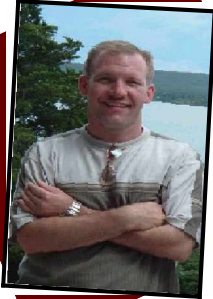
Graduate,  
*Joe Meints*



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# Success Story!



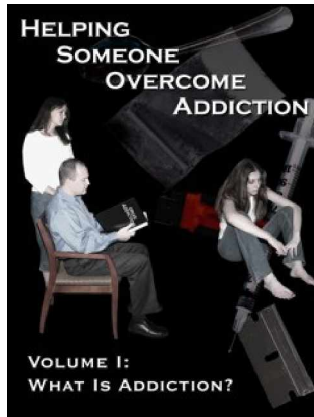
Before coming to Narconon my life was an utter disaster. I started using at the age of 13, and crack took over my life. It took over everything! My addiction turned me into an emotional and spiritual wreck. I was dying slowly each day and didn't know it. I had no goals; my life was centered on using, stealing, and conning my friends and family. Drugs took me to the lowest form of human existence! I lost everything several times. The results of my use had landed me in jail numerous times, including prison and countless 12-step programs. Nothing I did seemed to work, I always went back to my only friend "drugs". By the time I got to Narconon I wanted to die. I hated everything about myself and who I was.

Narconon did for me what no other place could. It gave me something I have never had A Life!

This place has taught me how to be comfortable with myself and that I can be a productive member of society. Today, I have a purpose in life, and goals. I use the technology here everyday, and my life keeps getting better. I am very grateful to this program; it has truly saved my life. I was afforded the opportunity to stay and train and become a staff member. I can think of no better way to strengthen my recovery and help other people like myself, achieve the freedom from drugs that I have. I can truly say that I am no longer a drug addict, and that I love who I am. I can honestly say that I am comfortable to just "BE" who I am. Thanks Narconon !!!

A Former Addict,  
*Terrence T.*  
Graduate

Photographed: Terrence T. with his Community Involvement Specialists, Karen Poulin and Ivan Karp, who were instrumental in helping Terrence find the Narconon Program at Narconon Arrowhead. Karen and Ivan came to Narconon Arrowhead recently, to see Terrence Graduate the Narconon Program.



# Help Someone Overcome Addiction!

A new book released by Narconon Arrowhead is a much needed answer to the problem of drug and alcohol addiction.

Helping Someone Overcome Addiction—Volume 1: What Is Addiction? is filled with useful information on the devastating cycle of addiction and the reasons why it affects so many people and causes so much loss. This book describes in complete detail the cycle of drug use, addiction, and relapse, as well as the typical problems faced by drug addicts and their loved ones.

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**Narconon Arrowhead Announces  
Their Annual Anniversary Event!  
September 17th and 18th 2004.**

We invite all Community Involvement Specialist, Graduates, Guests, and Friends to come and join the Narconon Arrowhead staff on Friday September 17th, 2004 for a luncheon and graduation at the Narconon Arrowhead Center. Then join in with us on September 18th, 2004 in celebrating our anniversary at the McAlester Expo Center. Enjoy live entertainment, guest speakers, great food, and good conversation!  
**Come and Join us!**