

# So, You're a GSR, Huh?

*"Everything that occurs in the course of NA service must be motivated by the desire to more successfully carry the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers" – Basic Text Introduction*

## What is a GSR?

The Group Service Representative (GSR) is the go-between for each Narcotics Anonymous Group and the various levels of our service structure.

The following are examples of GSR responsibilities:

- Attending the Boulder Area Service Committee (BASC) meeting regularly
- Serving as a member on BASC subcommittees
- Serving as a liaison between the group and the area
- Sharing responsibilities with the GSR-Alternate
- Keeping the group accurately registered with the World Service Office
- Attending Colorado Regional Service Committee (CRSC) assemblies

The most important facet of this position is to be the communicator for the group. The group service representative is the vital link between the group and the rest of the fellowship. The GSR is the formal line of communication whose purpose it is to represent the group's conscience in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole. It is important that the GSR not break the chain of NA communication

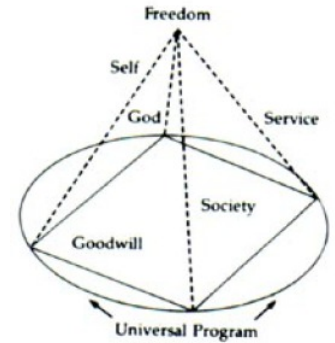
At BASC, GSR reports provide perspectives on group growth vital to the committee's work. If a group is having problems, its GSR can share those problems with the committee in their reports. And if the group hasn't found solutions to those problems, the GSR can gather the experience others at the BASC have had in similar situations.

Group service representatives bear great responsibility. While GSRs are elected by and accountable to the group, they are not mere group messengers. They are selected by their groups to serve as active members of the area service committee. As such, they are responsible to act in the best interests of NA as a whole, not solely as advocates of their own groups' priorities.

For more information on service in Narcotics Anonymous, we recommend the following literature:

- *A Guide to Local Services in NA*
- *The Group*
- *Group Trusted Servants: Roles and Responsibilities*

Please visit [naboulder.org](http://naboulder.org) or [na.org](http://na.org) for access to service materials



## What is the BASC?

The Boulder Area Service Committee is the interface between our groups and the community in general. It is the BASC that carries our message out to the community so they may learn what we offer and where we offer it.

## What is NA's Service Structure?

The Inverted Pyramid – NA's service structure allows us to further our primary purpose – carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. We rely on our members to create and maintain this structure on the local level. The discussion below goes from the top of the pyramid – the recovering addict – to the bottom – World Services. See figure on back.



## Why Serve?

*"Service gives us opportunities to grow in ways that touch all parts of our lives" - Basic Text, Chapter 9, "Just for Today—Living the Program"*

# NA SERVICE STRUCTURE

