

### **The brochure "Hilfe für Suchtkranke" ("Help for Addicted People")**

In this brochure all institutions, which are members of the GCAA, are being introduced. This overview is being updated on a regular basis and can be ordered by our office. You can also find it on our website: ([www.sucht.de](http://www.sucht.de)).

### **The series "Quality Assurance in the Drug Withdrawal Treatment"**

The GCAA publishes annually a documentation, in which specific data about withdrawal treatments by various institutions are being published. We furthermore publish each year comprehensive research data about the quality standards of various clinics (katamnestic data)

### **Statements on current topics**

The GCAA discusses and contributes statements on current health care policy- and other professional subjects. They are passed on to the authorities in charge and published in our professional journal "Sucht aktuell" ("Addiction Updated")

### **2.3 Consulting services - we advise and provide information**

The GCAA offers to all interested parties, i.e. individuals, institutions as well as the media, specific information on the following topics: drug prevention, counselling and treatment as well as supplementary treatments. It also gives advice to institutions concerning the development of publications on drug prevention and treatment, participates in a broad variety of professional groups

and represents the interests of drug addiction programs in the area of public affairs.

### **3. Services Members - we are at your service**

The GCAA offers special services to its members:

#### **Internally**

Our news communication network informs all members directly about the newest developments on a monthly basis.

#### **Working committees**

Furthermore we appoint regularly specific work groups to attend to specific professional issues, i.a. in order to develop concrete conceptual recommendations for the GCAA and its members (e.g. working committee "Statistics and Documentation", or the quality management circle "Drug rehabilitation" and "Adaptation")

As a matter of course members of all membership facilities may participate in all events of the GCAA at reduced cost.

Information on criteria and conditions of membership may be asked at our office.

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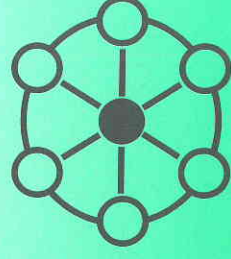
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# TASKS

# ACTIVITIES

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**GCAA Information**

### 1. Tasks and Objectives of the

#### Fachverband Sucht e.V. –

#### German Council on Alcohol and Addiction (GCAA)

The Fachverband Sucht e.V. - German Council on Alcohol and Addiction is a national council representing rehabilitation facilities dedicated to the treatment, health care and consultation of addicts.

It was founded in 1976 and represents today about 80 facilities with over 5800 in-patients and many ambulant patients.

The GCAA consists of two legal bodies, the general meeting of its members and an elected executive board of directors. We are a non-profit organisation, keeping an office in Bonn. The GCAA is politically and confessionally independent and represents mainly rehabilitation institutes under independent sponsorship.

➤ The council's main aim is to support rehabilitation measures which will enable a person to lead a drug free life and measures which endure progress in the etiology, process and consequences of the treatment of addictive behaviors.

➤ Our efforts aim especially at offers of treatment and accommodation that take the different aspects of addiction into account and guarantee patients an individually adequate (case-focused) treatment. Suitable interventions aiming at the prevention of the etiology and development of addiction will be supported on a broad level.

➤ Priority objective of our council is the quality-management of existing and future treatment offers as well

as proving the validity of the individual preventive measures.

➤ The GCAA conveys the distribution of scientific research-findings relevant to the etiology and nature of the development of addiction, to the effectiveness of the existing treatment offers and to the variety of therapeutic methods.

➤ The Council supports the collaboration and interaction between political institutions, health, pension and other social insurance institutions, the sciences, therapeutic practice as well as self-helping-systems.

## 2. Activities

### 2.1. Events – let us invite you

The GCAA sponsors the following events, among them:

#### The Heidelberg-Conference

Since 1987 we have been organising an annual national conference on recent topics of addictive behaviors. Presentations were given, for example, on: "The Individualisation in the Treatment of Addictive Behaviors", "Quality Assurance in the Rehabilitation of Addicts", "Addiction and the Ability to Work", "Indication and Planning for Therapy!", "Addiction Makes People Sick".

#### Continuing education

Workshops are being held in small groups. Skills and suggestions for the daily clinical work with addicted patients are being conveyed. Seminars are addressed to a specific group of people, e.g. therapeutically working counsellors in in-patient and out-patient settings, non-therapeutic employees or managing personnel of the facilities. Subjects range from Quality Management to Personnel Management, from Ambulant treatments to Relapse Prevention. Currently planned programs can be ordered at our office.

### 2.2 media-offerings: we inform

Our publications include a series of scripts of the GCAA, the professional journal "Sucht aktuell" ("Addiction Updated") and the brochure "Hilfe für Suchtkranke" ("Help for Addicted People")

#### Scripts of the GCAA

The scripts of the GCAA contain contributions of the annual GCAA conference at Heidelberg. They are distributed by the publishing company Neuland-Verlag, Geesthacht ([www.neuland.com](http://www.neuland.com)).

#### Professional journal "Sucht aktuell" ("Addiction Updated")

The journal is being published twice a year and

- conveys background and up-to-date material on the key aspects of the subject of addiction,
- provides information on new book-publications and
- informs about important events.