

Adult Survivors of Child Abuse Anonymous – 12 Traditions

The 12 Traditions of ASCAA:

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon ASCAA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for ASCAA membership is a desire to recover and heal from childhood abuse and trauma.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or ASCAA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the adult survivor of child abuse who still suffers.
6. An ASCAA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the ASCAA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every ASCAA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Adult Survivors of Child Abuse Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. Adult Survivors of Child Abuse Anonymous as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Adult Survivors of Child Abuse Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the ASCAA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.