## Some hints to help your Addiction Recovery



## When you are in recovery:

- 1. Above all, do *not* drink alcohol or use drugs.
- 2. Meet with your sponsor regularly, and call him if you feel like using or taking a drink.
- 3. Realize that the *only* thing you can control is *your response* to the world around you.
- 4. Have a pre-thought-out plan for what to do to avoid drinking or using when you get a craving.
- 5. Think a craving through... the problems using or drinking causes... the bad feelings afterwards... the consequences.
- 6. Make a list of 100 things to do before taking a drink or using.
- 7. Focus on a positive future of being clean and sober... it will come.
- 8. Do not allow yourself to become too Hungry, too Angry, too Lonely, or too Tired.
- 9. Avoid the people, places and things you frequented when using.
- 10. Talk with your friends and family to help support your sobriety.
- 11. Seek comfort in your spiritual beliefs and Higher Power.
- 12. Get good regular restful sleep.
- 13. Regularly attend AA or NA meetings, and more often as needed.
- 14. Find a clean and healthy activity to look forward to.
- 15. Exercise is a good stress reliever. (you may have to check with your doctor first)
- 16. Remember... Just keep coming back.

## Helpful websites:

http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/

http://www.na.org/

http://www.ca.org/