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# Letter from the Publisher

I established the All 4 Ur Addiction Recovery Guide in 2013 as a resource magazine for those suffering from the cunning, baffling, and powerful disease of addiction. Our publication provides not only information about the disease, but assistance in locating detox facilities, in and out patient treatment facilities, counseling services, life coaching and more. This directory includes available legal help, sober living facilities, and community services. We supply a list of resources to include free community services, transportation, sober events and activities and more. We offer assistance to family and friends affected by the disease as well.

I have worked in the health care industry for over 10 years, specifically in Chemical Dependency for over five years. My experience includes Peer Counselor, Intake Coordinator, Admissions, and Marketing at several different health departments and treatment centers over the past 10 years. I assisted in developing a new treatment center on the Treasure Coast, establishing the Admissions and Business Development departments. My love for people and serving those in need has resulted in the development of the All 4 Ur Addiction Recovery Guide.

Being affected by a family member with the disease of addiction, I have experienced the pain of addiction in my own family life. I am dedicated to my own personal recovery and to providing help to those in need.

All 4 Ur Addiction Referral Recovery Guide takes great pride in our relationships. Every addict deals with specific issues, and every addict should be treated with compassion and care. Entering recovery is very taxing on the mind and body, but that should not be a deterrent. It is important that the right decision be made for the sake and well-being of the affected suffering addict. To find quality addiction help in Florida, California and Arizona make sure you call professionals. All 4 Ur Addiction has great resources at hand to aid you in making a new beginning. We are a means to help you or a loved one find sobriety, and most importantly, happiness. Our mission for this quarterly resource guide is to bring awareness and resources available to those suffering from addictions and their families who are affected by this disease.

If you have found this resource guide to be helpful, you may visit us online at [www.All4UrAddiction.com](http://www.All4UrAddiction.com)

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## “Love Yourself”

By Karina Priest, LMHC

Almost every day, I find myself telling patients to not be so hard on themselves, and that they're are their worse enemy. People tend to beat themselves up, and set unrealistic expectations they cannot hold to, and then be upset about it. It's sad to see. Why do we do this? A lack of self love. It's surprising to see how many people think they love themselves because they go to the gym, and work on the outside of their bodies. Some think that loving themselves means getting up and going to work, and back home, to do it again the next day. Few understand the need for self care every day, and self love, aside from working and making ends meet. Investing time on yourself daily for self care, allows you to be a better version of yourself. A short walk.... a bubble bath.... reading.... journaling.... there are many ways to do daily self care. We need to work on the inside. When we are well on the inside, and love ourselves, the outside will reflect it.

This is a good time of the year to look at the goals and expectations we set for ourselves, and assess where we are at. Let's take some time to celebrate making it another year. Let's be grateful for all the accomplishments, big and small. Let's not take anything for granted. We may be tired and stressed from work... but let's be thankful we have a job. We may be behind on paying our utilities.... let's be thankful we have a place to live. We may think our cars are old, and need a replacement.... let's be thankful we have transportation. We may feel lonely.... let's be thankful for the fam-

ily we have, and in particular for our friends and acquaintances, the family we choose. Let's concentrate on being more positive each and every day, and learning to see the good in everything, especially in ourselves. Let's learn to love and like ourselves by seeing all the good. “I cried because I didn't have shoes, and then I saw a man without feet”<sup>1</sup>. Let's go back to being grateful for all we are and have. Let's set small and attainable realistic goals for our lives. As we meet them, we can create more....Key word “realistic”. Though all in life is possible as long as we are alive.... not all is realistic. We can obtain information, sign up, and take some courses as an educational goal. It would not be realistic to expect to also get a college degree.... all in the same year, if you're new at this. Let's set goals we can accomplish and therefore allow us to feel good about our lives. That will help our self esteem increase, and you'll be surprised at how much energy to do and be more that gives you!!!!

Stay positive and be positive with others. A great piece of advise. See the positive and good in everything. No matter what's going on. “If it's raining... look for rainbows”. If it's dark, look for stars. See the glass half full.... it's the same amount.... but how much better you will feel!!! Set a resolution to make an effort to be and stay positive all year long, no matter what gets thrown your way. No matter what.... it will pass... and you will make it through another year.

1. Hellen Keller



# SPECIAL EVENTS



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## Florida

### The Big Book Comes Alive

Friday 01/11/2019 - Sunday 01/13/2019

At the St. James Episcopal Church, 44 South Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach, FL. For more information please visit <http://aadaytona.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/BB-Comes-Alive2019-FLYER.pdf>

### 30th Annual Palm Coast Area Retreat "In the Spirit of Love"

Thursday 01/17/2019 - Sunday 01/20/2019

At the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, 12100 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd, West Palm Beach, FL. For more information please call Keisha at 561-670-1469 or visit <https://palmcoastna.org/spiritual-retreat-registration-information-january-17-20-2019/>.

### 2019 Space Coast Roundup

Friday 01/19/2019 - Sunday 01/21/2019

At the Hilton Rialto Hotel, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL. For more information please call 321-768-0200 or visit [www.aaspacecoast.org/2019\\_SCRU.htm](http://www.aaspacecoast.org/2019_SCRU.htm).

### Ponderosa Group Annual Birthday Meeting

Thursday 02/07/2019 6:30 PM

At the College Park Presbyterian Fellowship Church, 118 E Par St (Corner of Par & Formosa) Speakers Orlando, FL. For more information please visit <http://cflintergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Ponderosa-Group-Annual-Birthday-Meeting.pdf>.

### 48th Gulf Coast Roundup

Friday 02/08/2019 - Sunday 02/10/2019

At the Gulf Coast of Okaloosa Island at "The Islander" Resort (formerly Ramada Plaza Beach Resort), 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE (Hwy 98E.), Fort Walton Beach, FL. For more information please call 850-243-9161 or 1-800-874-8962 or visit <http://gulfcoastroundup.homestead.com/GulfCoastRoundupRegistrationFlyer.pdf>.

### Spring Annual House Cleaning- AA and Alanon Spiritual Retreat

Friday 03/08/2019 - Sunday 03/10/2019

At the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 39034 County road 452, Leesburg, FL. For more information please visit [www.retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com).

### SOBERSTOCK 2019

Friday 03/15/2019 - 03/17/2019

At the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Suncoast Parkway, Lutz, FL. For more information please call 727-456-1439 or visit [www.soberstock.com/](http://www.soberstock.com/)

### Wits End Resources Fundraiser Event

Saturday 03/09/2019 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

At Grace Place Church, 1550 SE Salerno Road, Stuart, FL. For more information please call Pam at 772-530-6146.

### Florida Roundup 2019 Dive Into Serenity

Wednesday 03/20/2019 - 03/24/2019 Sunday

At the Elden Rock Miami Beach Hotel, 4525 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL. For more information please visit <http://www.floridaroundup.org/>.

### 8th Biennial Florida Service Symposium

Thursday 03/21/2019 - Sunday 03/24/2019

At the Sheraton Tampa Brandon, 10221 Princess Palm Ave, Tampa, FL. For more information please call 813-623-6363 or visit <http://naflorida.org/florida-service-symposium/>

## California

### San Fernando Valley Area Convention 24

Friday 01/18/2019

At the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport, 2500 North Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA. For more information please visit [https://nasfv.com/mc-events/san-fernando-valley-area-convention-24/?mc\\_id=2722](https://nasfv.com/mc-events/san-fernando-valley-area-convention-24/?mc_id=2722).

### California Addiction Conference EMP Series 2019

Tuesday 01/22/19 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

At 3101 Redhill Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA. For more information please visit <https://www.behavioralhealthnetworkresources.com/events/california-addiction-conferences-emp-series/>

### 2019 SHASTA Winterfest

Friday 01/25/2019 - Sunday 01/27/2019

At the Holiday Inn & Convention Center, 1900 Hilltop Dr. Redding, CA. For more information please call 530-221-7500 or visit <https://www.shastawinterfest.com/>

### Symposium on AA History "The Broad Highway"

Friday 02/01/2019 - Sunday 02/03/2019

At El Retiro San Inigo 300 Manresa Way Los Altos, CA. For more information please visit <https://www.aahistorysymposium.org/>.

### Central California Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous XXVII

Friday 02/15/2019 - Sunday 02/17/2019

At the Bakersfield Marriott, 801 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. For more information please visit <http://www.gcana.org/events/central-california-regional-convention-of-narcotics-anonymous-xxvii/>.

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### Arizona

#### 29th Annual River Roundup “The Courage to Change”

Thursday 01/10/2019 - Sunday 01/13/2019

At Riverside Resort Hotel, 1650 S Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV. For more information please visit <https://aasf.org/event/29th-annual-river-roundup/>

#### 25th Annual Moonlight Madness

Saturday 01/10/2019 4:30 PM

At the Cave Creek Regional Park, 37019 N Lava La, Cave Creek, AZ. For more information please visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S-AVqECciQXB66Jeqh2-TVKnY1XB-CYxy/view>

#### District 13 Speaker Marathon Al-Anon/Alateen

Sunday 01/19/2019 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

At the Tempe History Museum, 809 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ. For more information please visit <http://al-anon-az.org/events/district-13-speaker-marathon/>

#### Fellowship of the Spirit

Friday 01/25/2019 - Sunday 01/27/2019

At Sedona, AZ. For more information please visit <https://fotsaz.org/>

#### H 7 I Day “Come Spread the Message”

Saturday 01/26/2019 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

At the UA Local 469, 3109 North 24th Street, Phoenix, AZ. For more information please visit <http://www.caarizona.org/>

#### 6TH Annual YUMA Roundup

Friday 02/22/2019 - Sunday 02/24/2019

At the Yuma Civic Center, W. Desert Hills Drive Yuma, AZ. For more information please call 928-373-5040 or visit <http://www.yumaroundup.org/wp/>.



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The best view comes after the hardest climb.

# Wits End Resources

By Pam Herman

Wits End Resources started as a dream that Pam Herman had 34 year ago. One-night, lying in bed, she had a vision of a house where women lived. She knew exactly what the house looked like. As someone who doesn't usually remember her dreams this dream was different, she remembered every detail of it and it never left her.

Addiction happened, she moved from Oklahoma to Florida and got sober. She became convinced the house was to be a place for women in recovery. After much prayer, discussion and search, no house appeared. Recovery happened, education, family and career became her focus. Over time she lost faith, her vision faded and her dream was laid to the side.

Three years ago, while sitting in church with her husband, the pastor delivered a message from Psalms 107:27. This Psalms states "they reeled and staggered like drunkards: they were at their wits' end." Pam's husband commented that "Wits' End" would be a good name for a recovery program. No longer seeing the house, Pam began using the name "Wits' End Resources" for her private practice.

One year ago, a friend whom Pam had told about her dream for a women's house, said she had had a dream with the same house in it. She said that she saw the house, knew it was Pam's house and encouraged her. After doing some reflection on her personal life and receiving strong encouragement from her sponsor and others, Pam knew she had to pursue the vision

once again. While she was hesitant about trying, she was more concerned that she would lay on her death bed and wonder what might have happened if she had tried.

In May of this year a planning meeting was held with several volunteers. During the last six months the ground work has been laid including the completion of a 501c3 application to establish Wits' End Resources as a nonprofit corporation. Doors have opened and people have contributed their time, energy and resources. The vision for the house has clarified as a place for women in recovery to grow spiritually.

Currently the plan is to begin services with a resource center. This resource center will assist women recovering from any "life controlling issue". It will also provide a means of identifying women prepared for a spiritual commitment. Staffed by recovery minded volunteers and professionals a wide range of services will be offered for free or at a substantial discount from the going commercial rates. Community Partners are being solicited and a location is being sought.

Wits' End Resources is having their first fund raising event on March 9th at 4 pm at the Grace Place in Stuart, Florida. There will be coffee at 4pm, dinner at 5pm and a program at 6pm. The program will be a teaching on the history of the 12 steps and presented by Pam Herman.

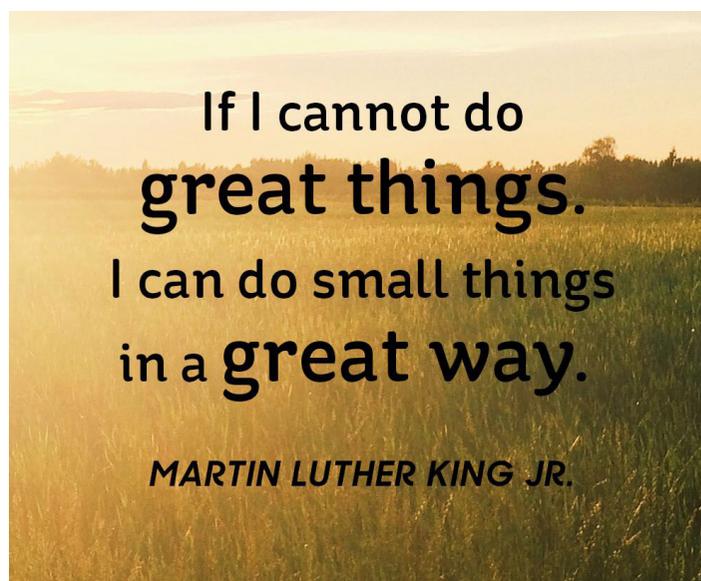
For more information please visit the website [witsendresources.com](http://witsendresources.com). To get involved, volunteer or donate please contact Pam Herman at 772-530-6146.



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# 7 Tips to Overcome the Fear of Loneliness

By Stan Popovich

Sometime or another we will experience a time when we are alone. Some people fear of being alone for various reasons. The first step is to become comfortable with yourself and having the self-confidence that you will be able to manage being alone. There is nothing wrong with being alone. If being alone bothers you then seeing a counselor can help you with these issues.

Here are seven tips on overcoming the fear of being alone.

## 1. Find An Activity

Find an activity that you enjoy and where you can meet a lot of people. Doing something that you like to do will make you happy and will increase your chances of making friends.

## 2. Spend Time With Animals

Spending time with an animal or pet can help us to feel better. Animals can be of good company to all of us whether we are alone or not. There are many local shelters that could use your time and talents.

## 3. Helping Others

There are many people out there who could benefit from your time and skill sets. Helping others can give you a source of pride and accomplishment and also can lead to friendships.

## 4. It Could Be Worse

It isn't fun being alone, but sometimes there are worse things. For instance, imagine that you are married or stuck in a relationship that you can't get out of and also makes you miserable. As a result, you are stuck living with someone that you can't stand and makes you depressed. With this viewpoint, being alone doesn't sound that bad.

## 5. Be Constructive

Sitting around and doing nothing will not make things any better whether it is dealing with the fear of being alone or something else. Take it one day at a time and stay committed in trying to solve your problem.

## 6. Things Can Change

Nothing remains the same forever. No one can predict the future with one hundred percent accuracy. Events change all of the time. Even if the thing that you feared does happen there are circumstances and factors that you can't predict which can be used to your advantage. You never know when the help and answers you are looking for will come to you.

## 7. You're Not The Only Who Is Alone

Remember that everyone deals with loneliness sometime in their life. Focus on your life and don't compare yourself to others. Continue to seek friendships with other people and don't feel sorry for yourself. There are kinds of people in various circumstances so don't assume that you are the only who is alone.

### ABOUT STAN POPOVICH

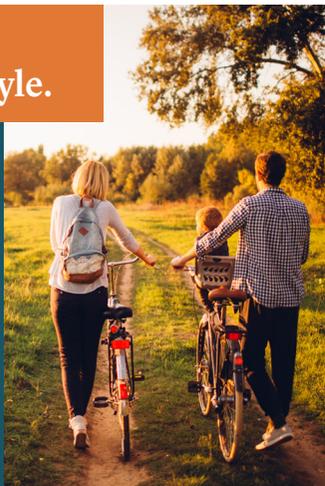
Stan Popovich is the author of a popular managing fear book, "A Layman's Guide To Managing Fear." Stan's book has received over 400 book reviews and offers a lot of free mental health advice on his website. For more information and some more helpful advice, visit Stan's website at [www.managingfear.com](http://www.managingfear.com)

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# The Enneagram and Impacting Addiction

By Michael Roth, C.Ad, SRC

Those who understand the Enneagram know that it's a valuable tool in psychology. The Enneagram, in its most basic description, describes nine different personality types. It has a wide range of applications that can help psychologists and mental health workers identify different methods of treatment for all sorts of mental health conditions.

The Enneagram is also very useful for helping to deal with addiction. By understanding the different personality types, an addiction worker can figure out how best to approach each individual's addiction.

## *The Purpose of the Enneagram in Addiction*

Many addiction workers have reported great success while using the Enneagram to treat a wide variety of patients. It's already well understood that the Enneagram is a vital tool for helping analyze an individual's psychology.

Some suggest that the Enneagram is of pivotal importance for helping people grow and mature quickly and healthily. It allows mental health workers and patients alike to identify problems that may have arisen during childhood, and to prepare for problems that the patient may be susceptible to developing in the future. It's great because it points out the most prevalent underlying fears that impact certain personality types. Understanding these fears provides great insight into the nature of

psychological problems such as addiction. This is because, through the identification of these 9 different personality types, the Enneagram also helps to identify certain triggers or factors that cause each of these individual personality types to regress or fall off track. This can be immensely beneficial for helping identify the best ways to help different individuals.

## *The Enneagram's Psychological Prowess*

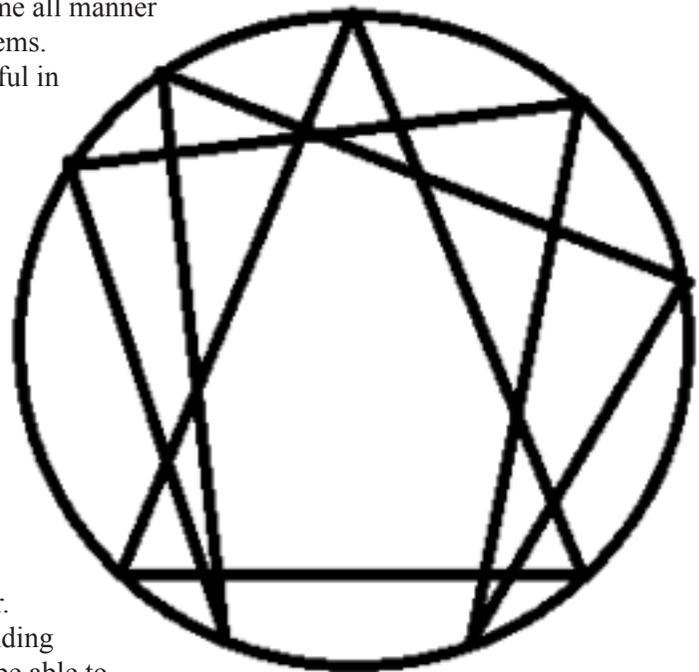
The basic foundation of the Enneagram suggests that there are nine different personality types. Each of these personality types has their own strengths and their own weaknesses. Identifying the strengths and weaknesses of each personality type can be of tremendous importance for helping people overcome all manner of psychological problems. This is particularly useful in addiction.

By understanding their weaknesses, a person becomes able to prepare for situations that they may face, in which they know they will not be able to function at their best. By having an emergency plan should they encounter these situations, they'll be better able to avoid any unhealthy behavior. Likewise, by understanding their strengths, they'll be able to

understand where they shine. People are naturally drawn to activities and situations where they're able to display their strengths, and a lot of addictions take root because people don't know what their strengths are or they don't know how to showcase them. Using the Enneagram can help people find wholesome and healthy activities that can fill the void that they may be trying to fill with drug use.

It's a well-established fact that people have different physical, emotional and psychological needs and desires. These needs have to be met in different ways, and if they aren't, they will manifest in unhealthy behaviors.

This is important to understand when working with mental disorders. Labeling an individual as an addict



simply blankets them with a bunch of symptoms that run commonly between those suffering from addiction. However, it doesn't take into account the individual's own psychological makeup. This is the most important thing that you can do if you're hoping to overcome a problem as personal and difficult as addiction.

The Enneagram also suggests that people have an ideal version of themselves. Even in the midst of addiction, they may think that they're expressing the best Self they can be. Unfortunately, this isn't the case. Using drugs or falling into an addiction isn't the healthiest thing a person can do. However, learning the Enneagram's definition of personalities can help these individuals recognize where they're going wrong so they can heal quicker.

### *The Enneagram and Relapse*

The Enneagram can be particularly useful for helping people prevent relapse.

Relapse is a very common occurrence for those recovering from addiction. Statistically, most people recovering from addiction will have at least one relapse during their recovery process. Thinking in terms of the knowledge and

understanding of the Enneagram, you can begin to see how each individual's cause of relapse is not the same. Indeed, each personality type will have a certain trigger that makes them more likely to relapse, and identifying these triggers can help people prepare themselves mentally and avoid relapsing.

### *Using the Enneagram*

The Enneagram manages to identify all three areas of healing that are necessary for an individual to overcome an addiction. Most traditional recovery groups, such as AA, only address two – symbolized by their logo, a triangle within a circle. This symbolizes only two of the three necessary healing factors – heart, body, and mind. The Enneagram's symbol, by including a hexagram which symbolizes personal growth or stagnancy (depending on the direction a person is working) symbolizes all three.

Since the Enneagram also identifies the nine personality types, each personality type is provided with a basis for each of the three factors of growth and recovery. This allows for a much more comprehensive understanding of how to most effectively help people suffering from addiction.

By Michael Roth, C.Ad, SRC  
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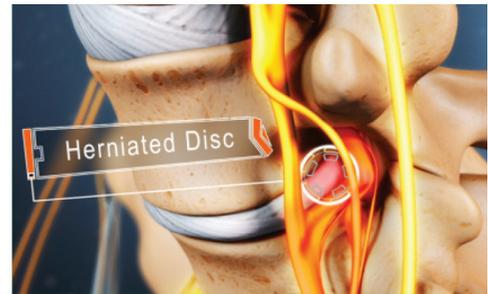


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# California Drug Rehabs Vs. Patient Brokering

*By Charles Davis*

California drug rehabs are starting to feel the pain of new patient brokering laws and it's only going to get worse. Learning from history is one of the most valuable tools in life. What California is now experiencing in drug rehab marketing legislation, Florida has been through. Florida with its "new Florida model" has set the pace for patient brokering laws in the drug and alcohol addiction treatment industry. A local South Florida drug rehab marketing agency that has been fighting patient brokering with 14 ethical marketing conferences is bringing the education to California to save lives.

### ***California Drug Rehabs New Laws Affecting Marketing***

California drug rehabs and drug rehabilitation centers across the US have been operating unethically for many years. The heroin epidemic has exposed many fraudulent practices in these 40 billion dollars a year industry. Lawmakers are making their way across the nation with patient brokering laws to save lives and protect the vulnerable. The new laws in California are going to directly affect the ability to operate in the state if they are operating unethically or adopt a healthy business and marketing mix.

### ***California Drug Rehabs Need Proven Business and Marketing Strategies***

The California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) website displays a Temporary Suspension

Order, Revoked and Notice of Operation in Violation of Law Program List. This list has 84 substance abuse treatment centers.

California substance abuse treatment centers and sober livings are going to have to adopt ethical business and marketing practices to survive. They need to look at and understand what happened in Florida over the past 1-1/2 years to navigate the new and difficult landscape. Some ethical treatment centers in Florida were forced to close their doors. Whether California drug rehabs are operating ethically or participating in some form of patient brokering, they must adopt new business and marketing strategies. Digital Darwinism is the #1 reason these centers have failed. Substance abuse facilities across the nation are losing the battle between drug rehab SEO vs digital Darwinism.

### ***Florida Addiction Conferences Providing Ethical and Proven Strategies Coming to California***

In Florida, many substance abuse treatment centers received ethical and proven business strategies at 14 EMP (Ethical Marketing Practices) Addiction Executive Conferences. This conference series is coming to Costa Mesa, California on 1/22/19. This behavioral health conference series is not the typical conference offered in the industry. It provides a unique talk show host and Town hall forum with



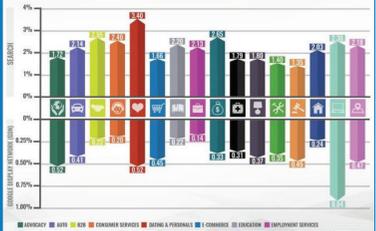
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now PowerPoint presentations. The event features 5 proven, Executive Thought Leaders on a panel. They are asked several questions by the host, and then the event is an open forum. The event is structured for CEO, Executives, Directors, and Outreach to get ethical and proven marketing solutions that they can put into place immediately. This event features 7 Executive panelists on marketing, drug rehab SEO, billing and utilization review. This California premiere event is Co-hosted by Awakenings drug rehab Agoura Hills.

When you or a loved one decide to attend a drug and alcohol addiction treatment center, your life is in the hands of that center. In California there are some ethical and responsible operators, however there are some reckless and uncompassionate operators. These operators are just in it for the money. When picking, for instance, the best Drug Rehabs Agoura Hills California you need to make sure your life is in good hands. The same goes for when seeking outpatient drug rehab Agoura. Make sure they provide evidenced based treatment and have a well-qualified staff.

### ***What Are the Patient Brokering Laws for California Drug Rehabs?***

Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) signed the SB 1228, Lara. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment services: referrals law on September 27, 2018. This law demonstrates that California will no longer tolerate patient brokering by substance use treatment centers and individual's partaking in unethical marketing. Lawmakers still have much work to do with sober homes and enforcing the new laws.

While California used Florida laws to mold their legislation, it has some more severe ramifications that deter unethical practices. For instance, under the law, either the addiction treatment center or individual professional can have their license or credentials revoked, extended or denied. If a substance use disorder (SUD) facility loses their license, it will take about 18 months to reopen. Florida does not have this law on the books for drug rehabs West Palm Beach.

### ***What Does Patient Broker Law SB 1228 Say?***

The intent of this article is to provide educational information to drug and alcohol addiction treatment centers, sober living facilities and the general public. It is not to be construed for legal advice. you should consult with a California behavioral healthcare law firm on any legal advice. Below is SB 1228 law for informational purposes:

Section 2 – 11831.6 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

The following persons, programs, or entities shall not give or receive remuneration or anything of value for the referral of a person who is seeking alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and

treatment services:

- An alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment facility licensed under this part.

- An owner, partner, officer, or director, or shareholder who holds an interest of at least 10 percent in an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment facility licensed under this part.

- A person employed by, or working for, an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment facility licensed under this part, including, but not limited to, registered and certified counselors and licensed professionals providing counseling services.

- An alcohol or other drug program certified by the department in accordance with the alcohol or other drug certification standards established pursuant to Section 11830.1.

- An owner, partner, officer, or director, or shareholder who holds an interest of at least 10 percent in an alcohol or other drug program certified by the department in accordance with the alcohol or other drug certification standards established pursuant to Section 11830.1.

- A person employed by, or working for, an alcohol or other drug program certified by the department in accordance with the alcohol or other drug certification standards established pursuant to Section 11830.1, including, but not limited to, registered and certified counselors and licensed professionals providing counseling services.

- Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may, if it deems appropriate, implement, interpret, or make specific this section by means of provider bulletins, written guidelines, or similar instructions from the department, until regulations are adopted.

Section 3 – 11831.7 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

- The department may investigate allegations of violations of Section 11831.6. The department may, upon finding a violation of Section 11831.6 or any regulation adopted pursuant to that section, do any of the following:

- Assess a penalty upon an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment facility licensed under this part.

- Suspend or revoke the license of an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment facility licensed under Chapter 7.5 (commencing with Section 11834.01), or deny an application for licensure, an extension of the licensing period, or modification to a license. Article 4 (commencing with Section 11834.35) of Chapter 7.5 shall apply to any action taken pursuant to this paragraph.

- Assess a penalty upon an alcohol or other drug program certified by the department in accordance with the

alcohol or other drug certification standards established pursuant to Section 11830.1.

•Suspend or revoke the certification of an alcohol or other drug program certified by the department in accordance with the alcohol or other drug certification standards established pursuant to Section 11830.1.

•Suspend or revoke the registration or certification of a counselor for a violation of Section 11831.6.

•The department may investigate allegations against a licensed professional providing counseling services at an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery and treatment program licensed, certified, or funded under this part, and recommend disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to, termination of employment at a program and suspension and revocation of licensure by the respective licensing board.

•Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the department may, if it deems appropriate, implement, interpret, or make specific this section by means of provider bulletins, written guidelines, or similar instructions from the department, until regulations are adopted.

**California Drug Rehabs Must Learn from Florida**

Florida was the first state to focus on patient brokering laws in the substance abuse industry. They have set the pace for the nation, but it has affected some ethical operators that did not change their business and marketing strategy. The media was quick to jump on the bandwagon providing, for the most part, unethical journalism. We have seen the same thing happen with drug rehabs Tennessee.

The negative "Florida shuffle" press and isolated exposure of patient brokering in Florida caused individuals seeking addiction treatment to stay away. This caused some ethical drug and alcohol addiction treatment centers in Florida to close their doors. More importantly, it may have put them into life-threatening situations that are happening across the nation. This negative press is now being experienced by California with the media's "Rehab Riviera" label.

California drug rehabs need to adopt ethical and healthy business best practices. Many need to look closely at their current marketing plan and drug rehab marketing mix. As Florida has experienced, relying on laissez-faire strategies will put your business at extreme risk. Mainly using boots on the ground, calls centers and PPC are not enough with the rapidly changing environment. you may also want to join the exclusive California Addiction Professionals Referral Groups.

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# A Beautiful Mind

By Brian Z. Morgan

## *"A Beautiful Mind"*

*Red flags, warning signs, caution signals, though he was simply too sick to see them and properly receive them,  
 Aside from the sand he's sinking in, there's not too much beneath him, bottom feeder, there's bloods and crips fighting in his cerebrum,  
 He frowned upon the helpless and homeless, pinky finger stuck out as he sipped from his chalice, ignorance blinded the fact that he would soon be them,  
 String of texts from the family that he lets slide off this glass instrument he's unsure of what to tell them,  
 He's stuck, immobile, flimsy with his faculties, there's a heavy-weight prize fight gone 12-rounds in his cerebellum,  
 Was it the gentlemen around the way, the dazzling gala, the bodega, frat house, or the vacancy's that disposed of him,  
 Script a letter to his logic, dearly departed, cannibalistic the way his love affair continues to chew at the frontal lobe of him,  
 Skeletons are not too cute, railroad tracks are not sexy, notice the drop in his IQ his mind still says he's GQ until this all stops,  
 He and the demons, he and some heathens occupy his kitchen table while selfishness, irritability, and compulsion carry everything worth something in his home to the pawn shop,  
 Not a man a monster, predatory thoughts he ponders, he let his values wonder, he looks over at his past friends who's bones are down under,  
 There's bartenders, strippers, dealers, shakers, movers, thieves, riding a carousel in his brain as his soul has the chills in the heart of summer,  
 Every man and woman that surrounds him has something up their sleeves and he's getting too sick for tricks, he can barely breathe,  
 He doesn't stand for somethin, he doesn't believe in nothin, but 1 night he got lost in limbo in his head and so he hit his knees....  
 "God grant me the serenity....I promise this is it....to accept the things I cannot change....I swear I'm going to quit...and the wisdom to know the difference... please get me out of this...."  
 He's not trying to tap into just any strength, we'll see if he's ready to go to any lengths.*

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