

# KAAP HISTORY

In the early 1970's, the counselors in Kansas working in alcoholism treatment became organized and formed an association. At the same time, an association of counselors working with individuals with a drug addiction was formed. In 1980, these two organizations came together with the merger of the Kansas Alcoholism Counselors Association (KACA) with the Kansas Association of Drug Abuse Counselors (KADAC) to form the Kansas Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Counselors Association (KADACA). In March 2000, KADACA was reorganized as the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals. In 2011, KAAP played a significant role in the passage of the Addiction Counselor Licensure Act. This legislation phased out counselor certification and, along with it, KAAP's contract with the state of Kansas to certify addiction counselors. KAAP then decided to focus its efforts on advocacy with a focus on policy and legislation to support the field of alcohol and drug prevention and treatment.

Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals is the state's oldest and most active addiction services trade association.

KAAP's mission statement reflects this focus: "To serve members with advocacy and support to achieve excellence in addiction prevention and treatment."



***KAAP offers great benefits exclusively for our membership. Connect with other professionals, receive important information, and be a part of advocacy efforts for the prevention and treatment of addictions!***

## **Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals (KAAP)**

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# MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

## Provider Organization Board Member

This membership is open to any organization engaged in addiction prevention and/or treatment focused programming.

## Individual Affiliate

Individuals who are licensed as alcohol and drug counselors, gambling counselors, and other interested in supporting the mission of KAAP.

## Organizational Affiliate

Organizations whose interests and activities are consistent with those of KAAP.

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# MEMBER BENEFITS

KAAP Members receive discounts and other valuable services....

- **KAAP sponsored training discounts**
- **National Council on Behavioral Health:** KAAP is a member of the National Council on Behavioral Health. This partnership allows KAAP provider members to be connected to national issues and with other state associations across the country.
- **Job posting service:** KAAP will post your advertisement on our website and send notifications to KAAP members throughout the State.
- **Legislative advocacy:** KAAP has contracted with Kearney & Associates who has a 30 year history of effectiveness working with state government. As a member, you have the opportunity to get engaged in public policy and shape the future of the profession through legislative advocacy and connection to state leaders and policy makers!
- **Access to timely information:** Newsletters and email blasts provide members with timely information they can use.
- **Networking with peers:** KAAP members have numerous opportunities to connect with other program leaders and CEO's regarding issues that impact the field of addiction prevention and treatment.

