

**What is the relationship between DAAC, the Recovering Professionals Program and the SC State Board of Dentistry?**

The Board oversees examinations, licensing certification, annual re-registration and regulation of dentist, dental specialist, dental hygienist and dental laboratory technicians in the state. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines if needed.

The Recovering Professional Program (RPP) is the approved monitoring program for licensees of the State Board.

If a dentist is referred to RPP by DAAC and will not voluntarily enter the program, or if the dentist is referred by the Board, then the Board will know the name of the dentist and this information will be public knowledge.

However, if a dentist is referred to RPP by DAAC and he/she is admitted to the program voluntarily, the Board will never know the name of the dentist and it won't ever become public knowledge.

**1 out of every 10 dentists will suffer from alcohol or drug abuse at some time in their lives.**

*Addiction has nothing to do with morality or strength of character. It is a disease process.*

*Though the disease cannot be cured, remission can be maintained for sustained periods—years and years— with careful follow-up.*

*Assisting Dental Practitioners*

**Dental Assistance and Advocacy Committee**



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## Things to look for:

- *Mood swings*
- *Erratic, unpredictable or compulsive behavior*
- *Frequently late or failing to be present for work*
- *Frequent or unusual accidents*
- *Inappropriate orders, prescriptions, or treatments*
- *Self-medication*
- *Slurred speech*
- *Deterioration in appearance and dress habits*
- *Obvious physical changes*
- *Isolation*



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## What is DAAC?

The Dental Assistance and Advocacy Committee (DAAC) is a resource that the South Carolina Dental Association has made available to its members. Members of DAAC are trained to work with people suffering an addiction and are available 24 hours a day, year-round to provide that help. A member, his family, his staff, a concerned colleague or any concerned citizen may call at any time to discuss a problem either perceived or real. This may be done with confidence that any conversation will always remain confidential and that the individual's identity will never be revealed.

### What is its goal?

The goal of DAAC is to advocate and assist an individual who has seemingly lost his way and, with understanding and compassion, help him get back on track to a wholesome, productive and happy life in spite of his disease.

### What happens when someone calls?

Sometimes further investigation is necessary before any action is taken or to determine the extent of the problem. Interventions are conducted when necessary. DAAC maintains excellent relationships with many well known treatment centers.

When it is necessary for a dentist to be away from his practice, DAAC works with the staff and family in managing his absence. DAAC provides locum tenens when needed.

To the extent that they can, DAAC members will work with the family unit until it can start to rebuild itself.

When legal problems exist, DAAC works with the individual's attorney and will act as his advocate as long as he is compliant with the terms of his contract.

Many times there are financial problems which exist. DAAC works with the individual to the extent they can in that area.