Building Recovery Capital through Digital Health Technologies



Learning Objectives

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

 identify at least three different types of digital health technologies and how these online technologies are used by peers, peer support specialists, and behavioral health professionals.

Quote of the Week...

'Digital and mobile technologies hold enormous potential for increasing access to services, facilitating self-help, monitoring and assessing variations in symptoms and wellness-promoting activities, and increasing health literacy. This potential will be fulfilled only if behavioral health service providers are willing to adopt effective **new technologies**, to develop the adequate skills to

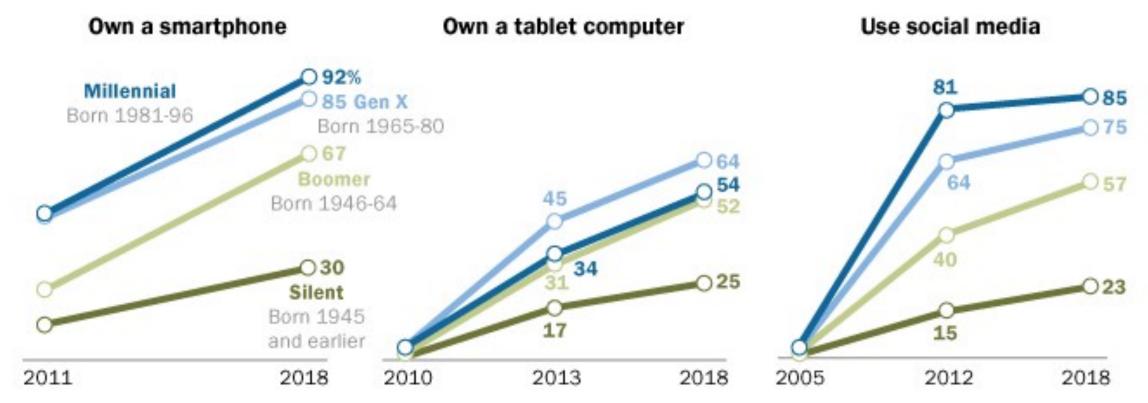
use them, and to fully support service users.'

Week 1 Outline Discuss/Review

- Online/Telephone Self Help/Support Groups
- Social Networking Sites
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Twitter
 - Reddit
- Lurking
- Web-Based Narratives
 - PodCasts
 - Blogs
 - Videos
- What is Your Role
- Creating/Preparing Your Tool Belt

Millennials lead on some technology adoption measures, but Boomers and Gen Xers are also heavy adopters

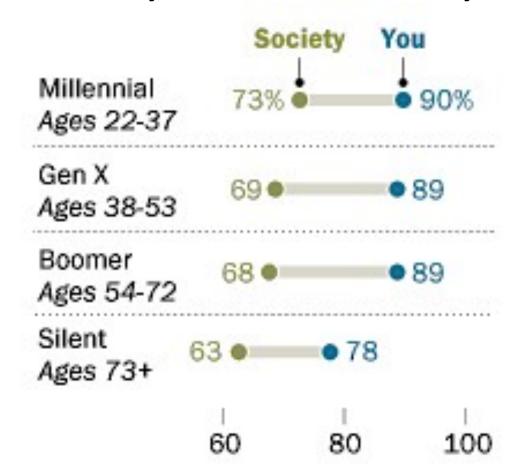
% of U.S. adults in each generation who say they ...



Source: Survey conducted Jan. 3-10, 2018. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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Older internet users less likely to view the internet as a positive for society % of U.S. internet users who say the internet had mostly been a good thing for ...



Note: Include responses from internet users only. Source: Survey conducted Jan. 3-10, 2018. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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ONLINE & TELEPHONE-BASED GROUP SUPPORT

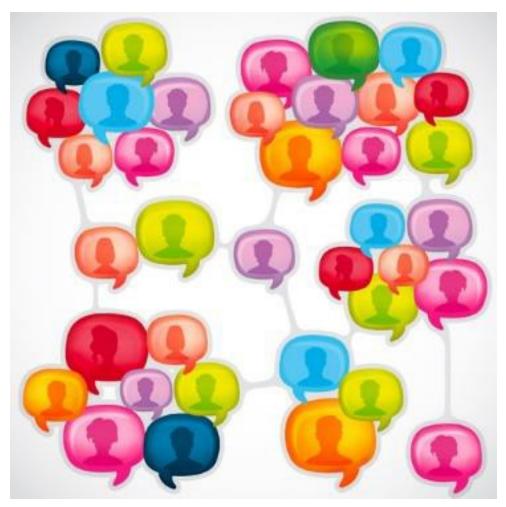




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'online community' to mean any virtual social space where people come together to get and give information or support, to learn, or to find company. The community can be local, national, international, small or large. A more elaborate and technical definition of online community, which acts as a benchmark for developers includes 4 basic constituents:

- Socially interacting people striving to satisfy their own needs
- A shared purpose like an interest or need that provides a reason to cooperate
- Policies in the form of tacit assumptions, rituals, or rules that guide the community members' behavior
- A technical system that works as a carrier that mediates social interaction

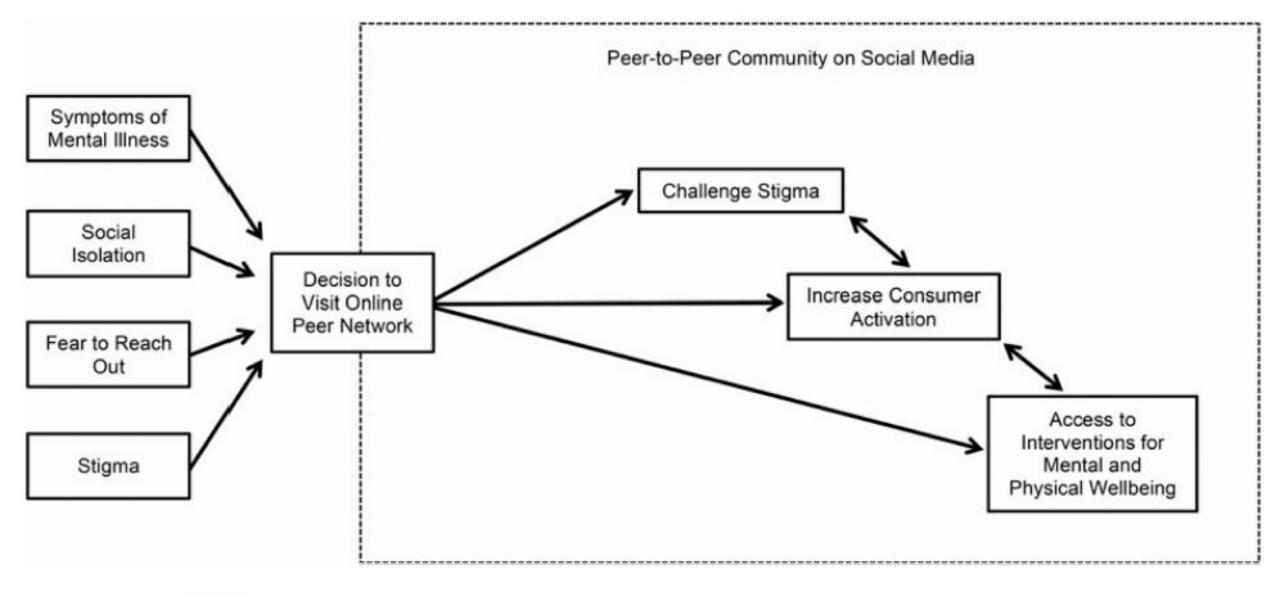


Fig. 1.

Conceptual model illustrating potential opportunities that may be available to individuals with serious mental illness after visiting an online community of peers.

Naslund et al.

Studies have shown that for individuals struggling with addictive behaviors, online peer support groups provide an open forum for discussion while minimizing perceived barriers and stigma.

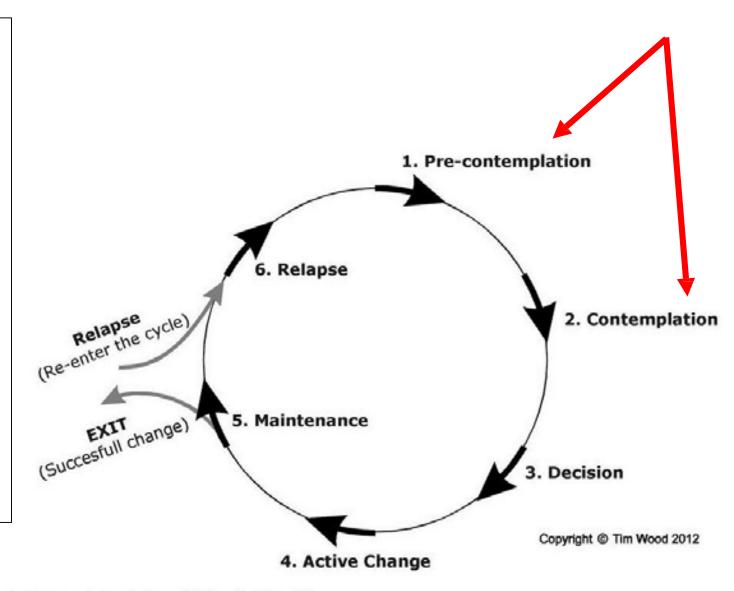
OSGs have a direct effect on well-being and personal empowerment.

Tanis, 2007; Barlett & Coulson, 2011

Online support groups are associated with higher life satisfaction and highly desired by people in distress, reporting positive and relevant interactions.

McColl et al., 2014

Online groups appear to provide an alternative for people who experience barriers in accessing traditional services, and may serve as a place to explore their relationship with alcohol at early stages of change.



- 1. Pre-contemplation (Why bother?)
- 2. Contemplation (Partly want to change)
- 3. Decision (Deciding to change)
- Active change (Changing behaviour)
- 5. Maintenance (Keeping it going)
- 6. Relapse (Return to pre-contemplative behaviour)

Chambers et al., 2017

Benefits of OSGs

- Convenient
- 24/7 access
- Leads to meaningful peer connections
- Preserves users' anonymity
- Specialty groups accessible
- Bridge between inpatient and outpatient programs
- Improved outcomes in maintaining recovery

Types of Online Support Groups

- Videoconferencing (Zoom/Skype Meetings)
- Discussion Forums
- Live Chat and Designated Chat Rooms
- Email
- Telephone

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"Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.	СН	Chat (text) Meeting
"Closed meetings are for AA members only, or for those who have a drinking	AV	Audio / Video Meeting
problem and 'have a desire to stop drinking.'	DF	Discussion Forums Meeting
(from *The AA Group*; copyright AA World Services, Inc.; reprinted with permission)	т	Telephone

https://www.aa-intergroup.org/directory.php

5th Dimension Group

The 5th Dimension Young People's Group of AA is a speaker & discussion meeting that meets every Wednesday at 8:30PM CST/9:30PM EST and every Saturday at 1PM CST/2PM EST. The Wednesday meeting usually includes an ASL interpreter - the Saturday meeting does not. We also have a secret Facebook group for building community. If you'd like an invite, you will need to send a friend request to one of us so we can add you. Come to a meeting and friend a member!

Recommended - join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android <u>https://zoom.us/j/687118144</u>

Call in from iPhone with just one-tap (US Toll): 14157629988,687118144# Call in from any phone: +1 415 762 9988 (US Toll); Meeting ID: 687 118 144 International numbers available:

<u>https://zoom.us/zoomconference?m=Akyatn05hff4G99JWsQeTBITbupMmKBH">th</u> <u>e5thdimensionaa@gmail.com</u>

AA Meeting - Videoconferencing/telephone





Eye Opener web meetings never last more than 30 minutes. They keep us connected with the Fellowship and support the daily maintenance of our spiritual condition. You don't have to give your name or any contact info to join us, and you can participate from pretty much any device — even a plain old telephone (instructions below).

What to expect. These are audio/video meetings. They are often small and informal, but they usually follow a set format guided by a meeting chairperson. There's a button that lets you turn off your video camera if you prefer not to be seen, and if you prefer just to listen, you are welcome to pass when called upon.

Meeting materials.

- AA Preamble
- Daily Reflections
- How it Works
- Twelve Traditions
- Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and 4 12x12.
- Fellowship of the Spirit
- Acceptance
- The Promises
- Keys of the Kingdom

For chair person:

- Sunday meeting format (Occasional speaker meeting)
- Monday meeting format (Step study meeting)
- Tuesday meeting format (Open-discussion meeting)
- Wednesday meeting format (Open-discussion meeting)
- Thursday meeting format (Big Book study meeting)
- Friday meeting format (Open-discussion meeting)
- Saturday meeting format (Open-discussion meeting)
- Current Issue of The Grapevine.

http://www.portlandeyeopener.org/WebMeetings.html

Entering a meeting room. Just click the colored camera icon. If it is your first time, you may be prompted to install the Zoom.us app, but that is quick and easy. We also have the following smaller meeting rooms if you need to talk to another alcoholic privately or at an unscheduled time: P Appear.in room or P Google room.

Participating by telephone: dial 1-408-638-0968 (or 1-646-558-8656) and enter Meeting ID 7307336463.

Men's ASL AA Group

https://doda.omnijoin.com/





Go to meeting

Gossip about or criticism of personalities has no place in an A.A. clubroom. Every man in A.A. is a brother and every woman is a sister, as long as he or she is a member of A.A. We ought not to gossip about the relationships of any man or woman in the group. And if we say about another member, "I think she or he is taking a few drinks on the side." it's the worst thing we could do to that person. If a woman or a man is not living up to A.A. principles or has a slip, it's up to her or him to stand up in a meeting and say so. If they don't do that, they are only hurting themselves. Do I talk about other members behind their backs?

Meditation for the Day

To God, a miracle of change in a person's life is only a natural happening. But it is a natural happening operated by spiritual forces. There is no miracle in personalities too marvelous to be an everyday happening. But miracles happen only to those who are fully guided and strengthened by God. Marvelous changes in people's natures happen so simply, and yet they are free from all other agencies than the grace of God. But these miracles have been prepared for by days and months of longing for something better. They are always accompanied by a real desire to conquer self and to surrender one's life to God.



Chat AA Meetings

Welcome to AAOnline.net!



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AOnline.net Web Chat Meeting Room. AAOnline.net has open "facsimile" real time AA topic meetings for Alcoholics on the WWW. It has 38 Online Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week and plans to add more. Approximately 55 to 85 people flow through the room during any one meeting. Average attendance per meeting is 62. All recovering alcoholics, or anyone with a desire to stop drinking with a Flash 7 (or above) Enabled Browser can attend the Meetings.

MISSION STATEMENT

Web Meeting Schedule

8:30am Every Day 1:30pm Weekdays 6:30pm Every Day 9:30pm Every Day 3:00pm Weekends Beginner's 9:30pm Monday (all times in Eastern Time) at:

All are welcome to attend! A Flash 7 (or above) enabled web browser is required to access the meeting.

> Twelve Step Committee



Veed help right now with a Irinking problem? Assistance is available 24 Jours a day in many anguages. <u>Send a message</u>. The primary purpose of AAOnline.net is to carry the Alcoholics Anonymous message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers. In using this electronic medium, the message of recovery can be brought to those unable to physically attend meetings and shared under the protection of increased anonymity with those who would not otherwise have made contact in any other way.

Our purpose at AAOnline.net also includes supporting the continued recovery of those wishing to supplement their regular face to face meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in the continuation of their journey of spiritual awakening and in becoming happy and usefully whole.

AAONLINE conducts open topic meetings online very much like face to face AA meetings. Standard Online Protocol is observed so that people may share uninterrupted. To share, type "!" (no quotes) and when finished sharing, type "/ga". Type "?" for a question. Requests to share are called on, in turn, by the meeting Chair or QUEUE-Leader. Questions are usually handled in IM's. Crosstalk is discouraged during sharing in protocol, but is okay in IM's. It's that easy!

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Just like any other AA meeting, there are no dues or fees, no sign ups.

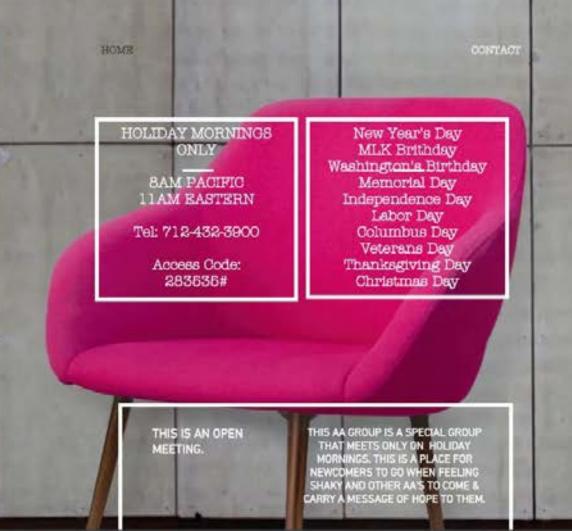
GOD grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot

IMPORTANT NOTE: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (AAWS) has not approved, endorsed, or reviewed this website, nor is it affiliated with it, and the ability to link to AAWS' site does not imply otherwise.

Telephone Group

We're Saving a Seat For You

A.A. Holiday Group



Email AA Meetings



Welcome to GROW!

We are the Grateful Recovering Online Women's (GROW) Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. We hold E-mail A.A. meetings for alcoholic women and/or women who wish to learn how A.A. might help them stop drinking. We adhere to the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions found in *The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous*.

We provide this website as part of our 12 Step work, and we welcome new members!

Who are we?

We come from all walks of life and we have traveled many different paths to get to A.A. What we have found here is a daily reprieve from our drinking, and that daily reprieve has transformed our lives.

To protect the anonymity of its members and to avoid any appearance of endorsing outside issues, GROW will not participate in research, surveys or similar projects conducted by individuals or institutions outside Alcoholics Anonymous.

About GROW

Our guiding philosophy, how we hold meetings, how to join us, and our FAQ

Members

Group conscience decisions, trusted servant information, common welfare guidelines, business meeting minutes, group history

Alcoholics Anonymous

General information and links to official A.A. websites; how to access 24-hour help to quit drinking We meet by E-mail, so we're "open" 24 hours a day! Subscribed members can send mail to the group list service which is then distributed to all members. Each Sunday a meeting leader sends out the week's topic.

GAYSOBER2-email

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GaySober2/info



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About Group

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Group Description

GaySober2 is a discussion list for lesbian and gay adults in recovery from alcoholism and/or drug addiction.

While many members also belong to Twelve Step groups, all paths to recovery as well as all belief systems (or lack thereof) are respected. Healthy discussion of anything that helps you achieve and maintain sobriety is welcome -- trolling, beshing and flaming are not.

If you are a recovering alcoholic and/or drug addict, you are very welcome here to share your experience, strength and hope with us so we can help each other to stay clean and sober.

As the social creatures we humans are, posting needn't be limited to meeting-style "sharing" -- think of Gaysober2 as the "meeting after the meeting" too. Sometimes there are things we'd like to discuss or share that aren't strictly recovery or "program" related, but we'd prefer to do so with like-minded folks. This is a great place for that. And while "cross talk" is usually frowned upon in traditional meetings, if you have a legitimate comment or response intended to offer help or encouragement, or to further discussion, it is welcome in this forum.

GaySober2 operates primarily as a mailing-list. You can either post a message by replying to a message in the e-mail program you are using or by using the web-interface, and it gets mailed to all list members. On the other hand if you have something to say to somebody privately, you can e-mail to her or him directly.

If you post something on GaySober2 you are very likely to get a reply and there is always somebody out there who reads, cares and understands.

Just as in face-to-face recovery, it works by getting involved. Helping ourselves by helping others. You neverknow when what you have to say is exactly what someone else needs to hear, so when in doubt, let it out!

Thanks for joining!



Members of this group also joined

We Share, Uncover, Discover and Re...

10 Public Group, 1874 members

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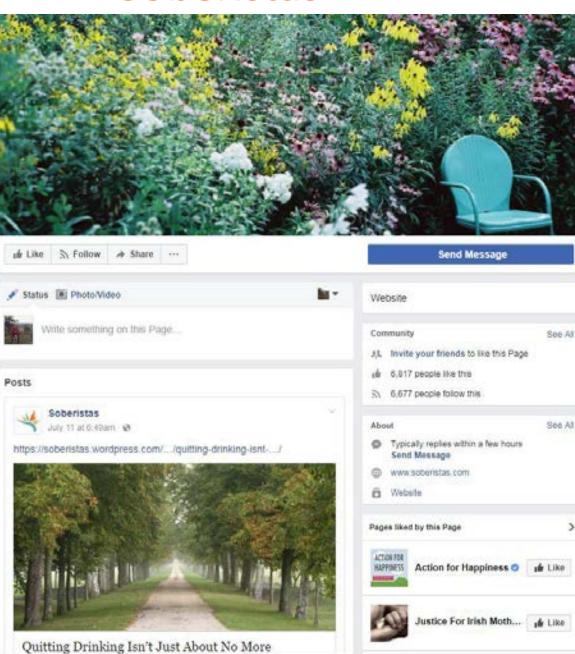


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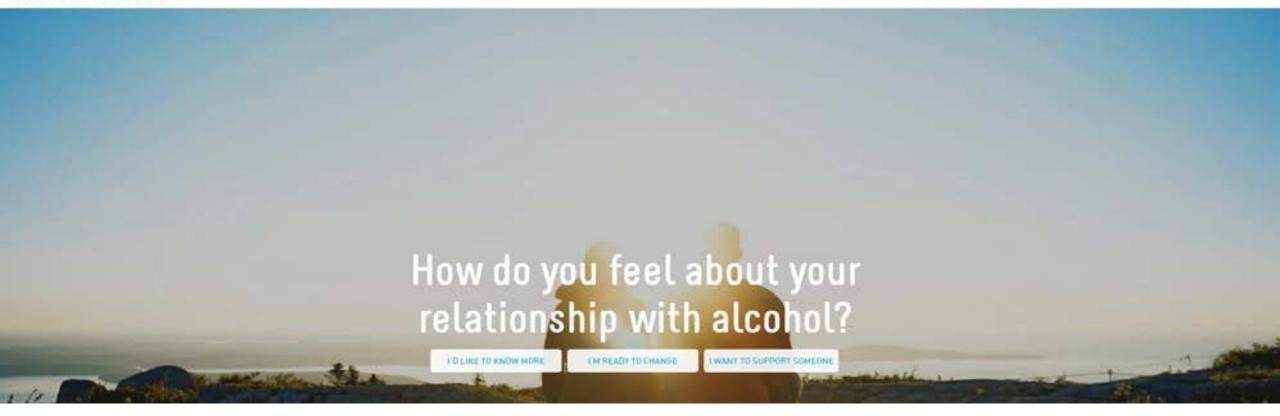
About Community

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Chambers et al., 2017 p.18

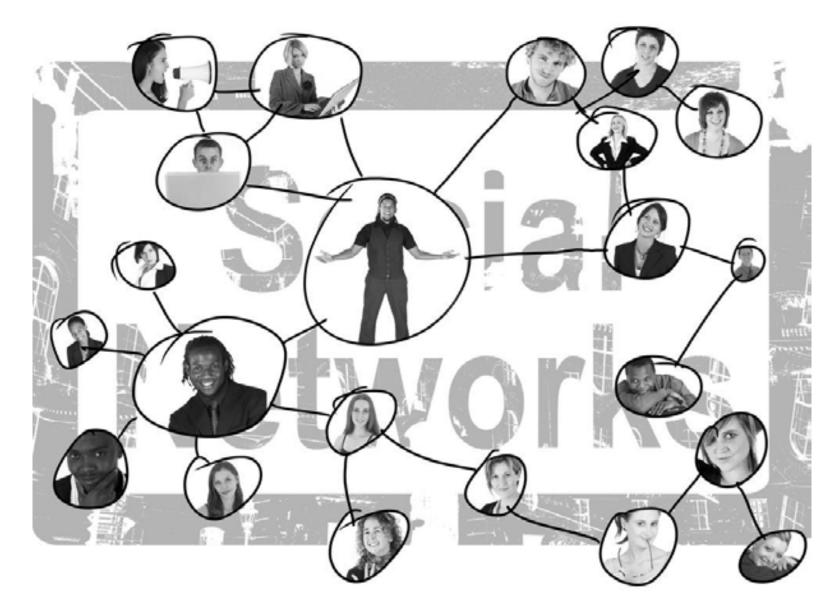


'Developed in Australia in 2009, HSM is an online program that encourages people to commit to a period of non-drinking and to blog about their experiences. Once individuals sign up to HSM, they instantly have a platform to discuss their experiences with a network of others, which aims to create an environment that enables people to communicate and support one another. HSM was developed to support people to change their own drinking patterns, reflect on their alcohol consumption and on alcohol's role in society.'

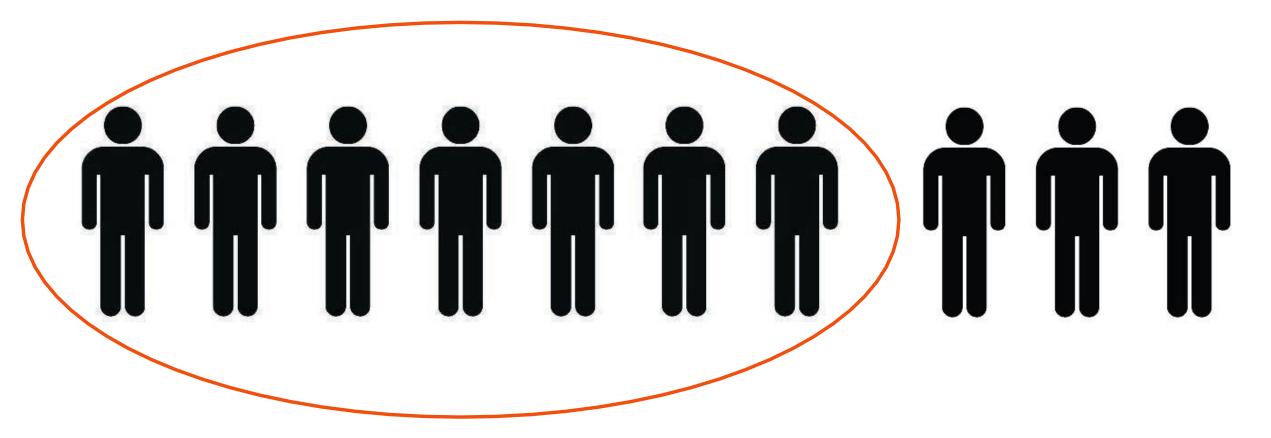
Online Support Groups

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- In the Rooms <u>https://www.intherooms.com/</u>
- Online Intergroup http://www.aa-intergroup.org/directory.php
- Daily Strength https://www.dailystrength.org/group/alcoholism
- Lion Rock https://www.lionrockrecovery.com/online-aa-meetings-and-support-groups
- LifeRing <u>http://lifering.org/chat-room/</u>
- SOS <u>https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SOSWomen/info</u>
- <u>Adult Children of Alcoholics http://www.meetings.adultchildren.org/find-a-meeting-search-results#results;</u>
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- Alanon- Serenity for Us Yahoos Group <u>https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/serenity4us/info; http://al-anon.info/MeetingSearch/PhoneMeetings.aspx?language=EN</u>
- The Recovery Group <u>www.therecoverygroup.org/meetingroom.html</u>

SNS facilitate highly interactive online communities where individuals share, co-create, discuss, and modify user-generated content



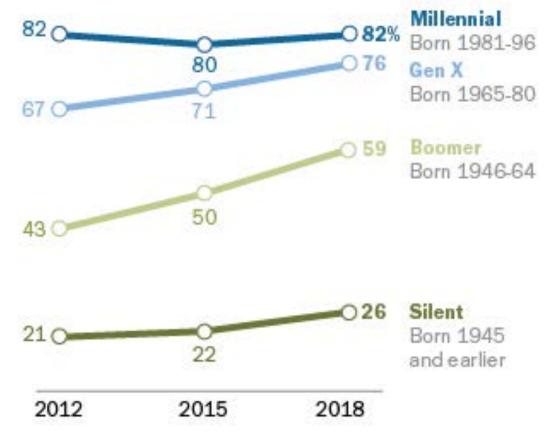
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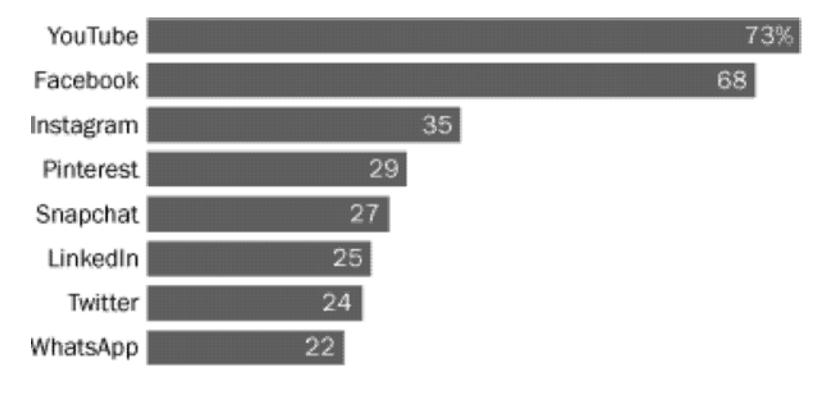


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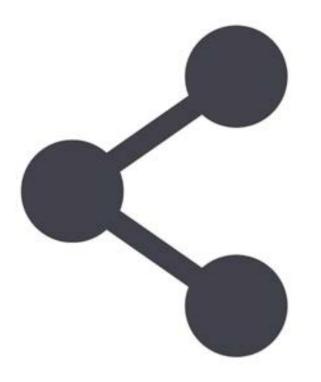
Majority of Americans now use Facebook, YouTube

% of adults who say they use



source Survey concucted 2018





Sharing Icon

- Social media users can choose their own level of engagement and extent to which they interact with others.
 - Important for people with serious mental illness because it may help them overcome debilitating effects of their illness such as information processing challenges, increased social anxiety, or difficulties with social interaction.





alcohol support group



Top Tweets



stephanie chivers @ichange21

Ladies only FB closed support group for women who want to change their relationship with alcohol buff.ly/ 2u1Pjzo

Women who dont drink.

Share - Accountability - Support

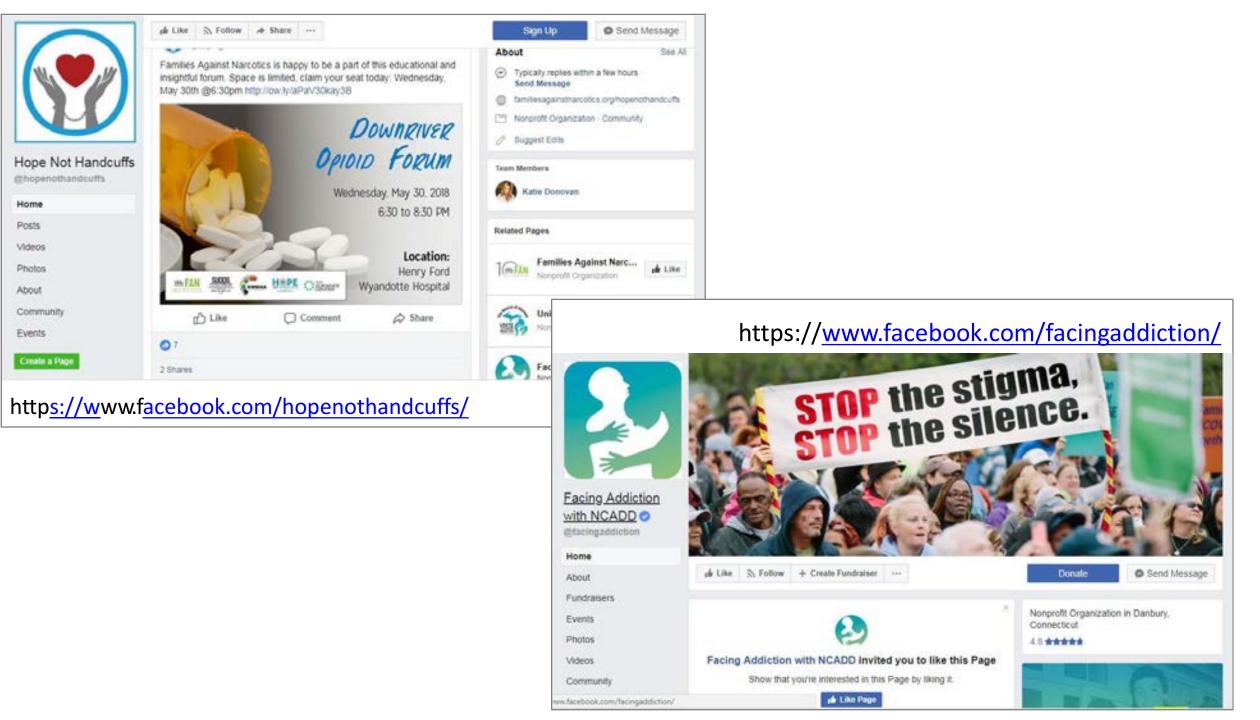
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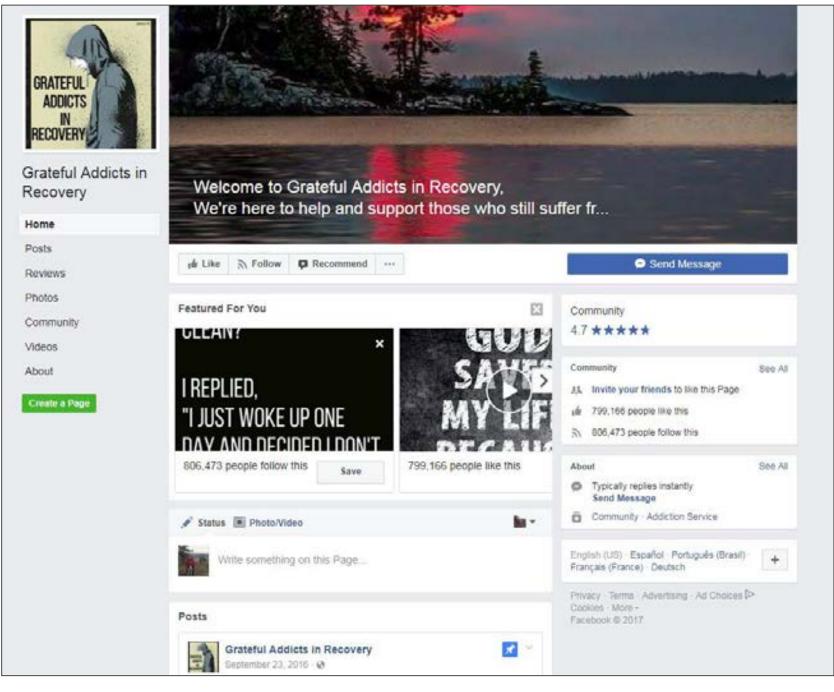


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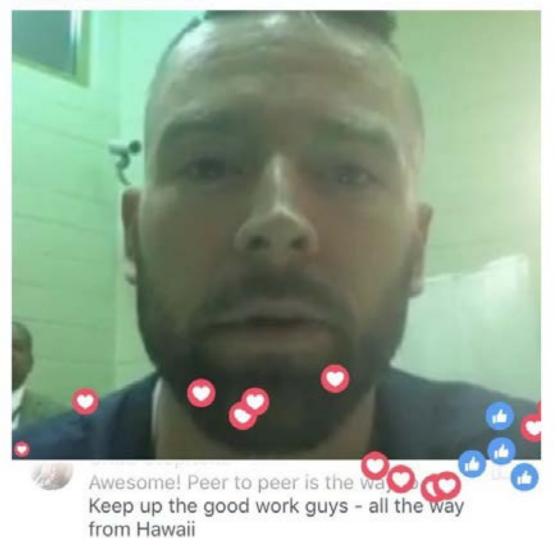
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These inmates have a message for Hillary, Donald and the rest of America. 09/25/2016 01:59 am ET I Updated Feb 17, 2017



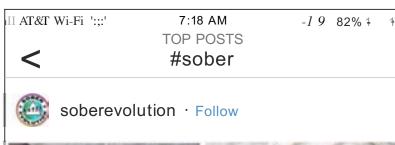
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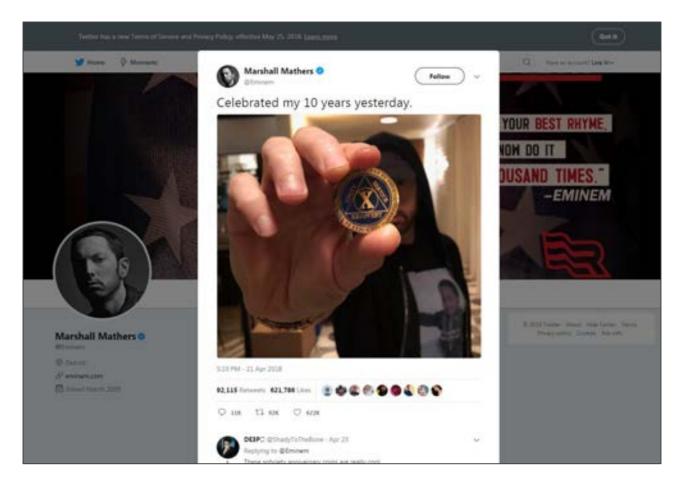
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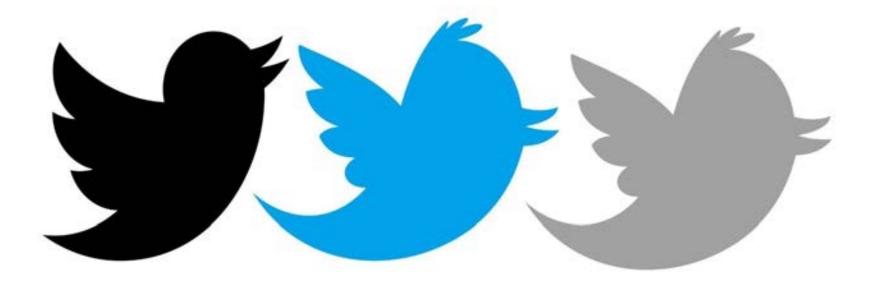
<u>http://www.internetlivestats.com/twitter-statistics/</u> <u>https://www.statista.com/statistics/282087/number-of-monthly-active-twitter-users/</u> A few useful terms to know before diving into a conversation about Twitter

- **1. tweet: a 280-character or less message;**
- hashtag: any word or phrase preceded by the # symbol, which is used to tag and search tweets belonging to a specific topic;
- 3. handle: one's Twitter profile name preceded by the @ symbol

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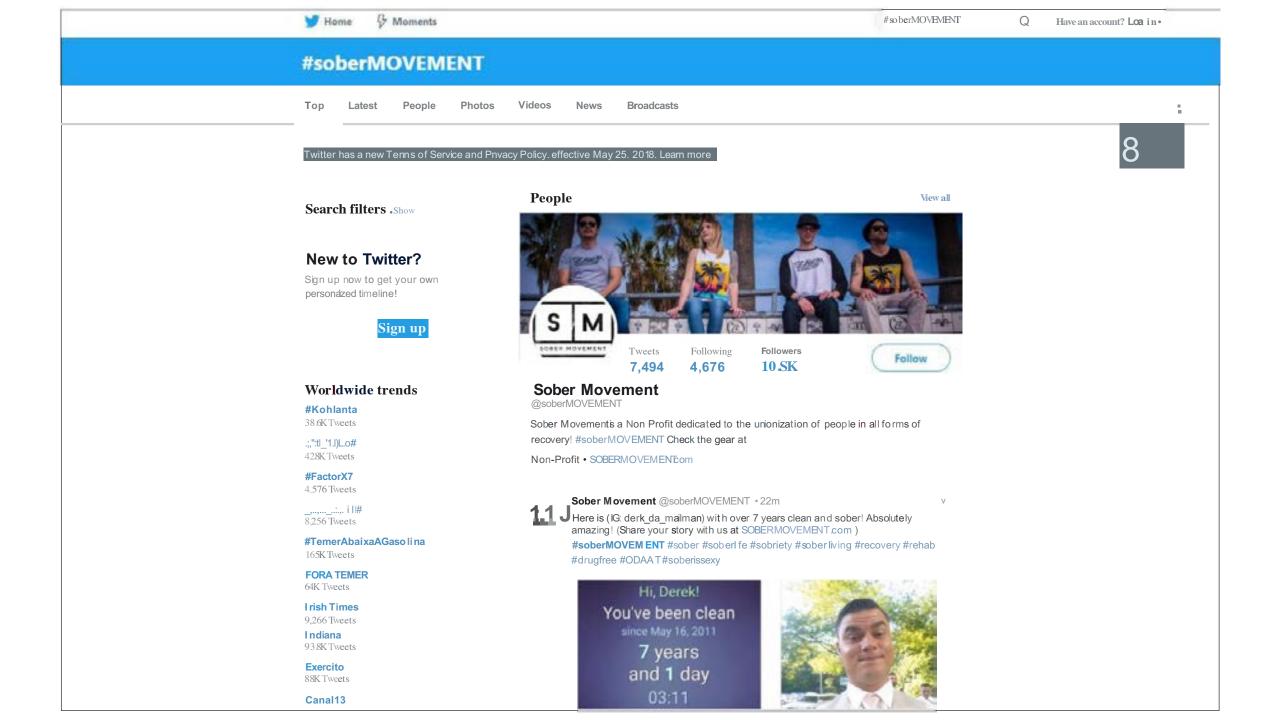
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Twitter posts remain forever—and, in fact, all US tweets are archived in the Library of Congress Peters, et al., 2015





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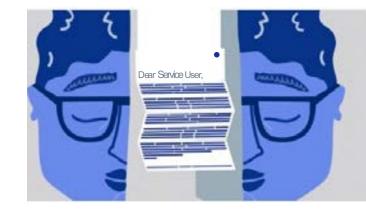
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Natasha Chilman @NatashaChilman · 16 Nov 2017

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Please don't call me a 'service user;' I'm a mental health patient 'It invalidates my experience as a person with a seious illness.' metro.co.uk



Aim to contribute value with every action and consider the community first

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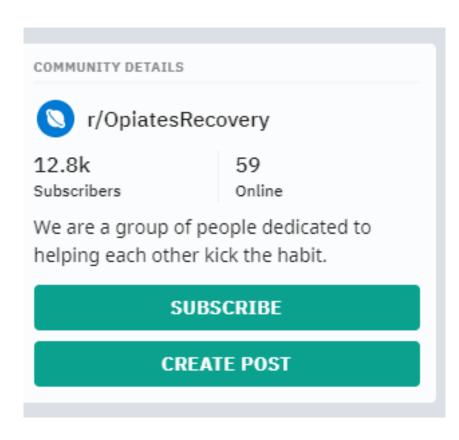
Reddit is a social news website and forum where content is socially curated and promoted by site members through voting. The site name is a play on the words "I read it".

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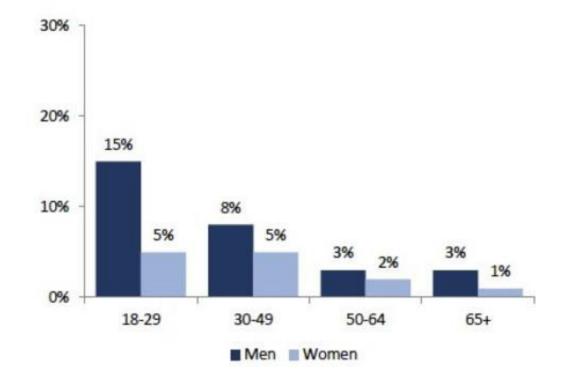
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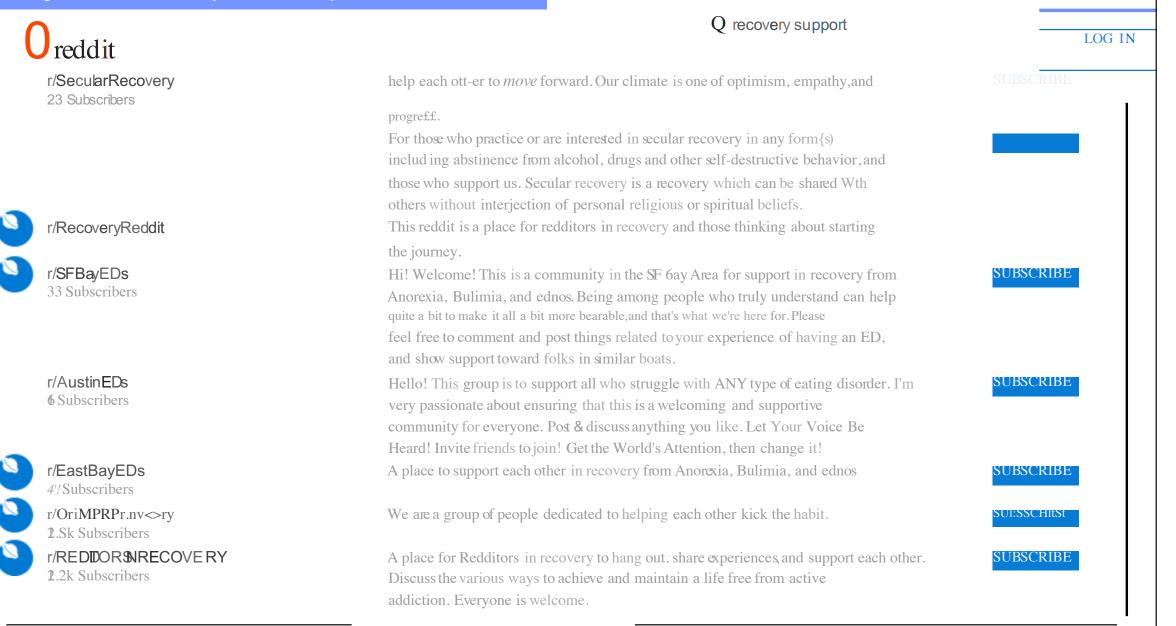
Reddit's audience tends to be male, between the age of 18–29, and from both ends of the education spectrum



Young males are especially likely to use reddit % of internet users in each age/gender grouping who use reddit



Source: Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project Spring Tracking Survey, April 17 – May 19, 2013. N=2,252 adults ages 18+. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and on landline and cell phones. The margin of error for results based on all internet users is +/- 2.5 percentage points.





Social Support = Sharing of Personal Experiences

The most common form of social support observed in the sample (Reddit Opioid Support Group) was sharing of personal experiences.

D'Agostino et al., 2017

Study of Reddit Posts - 524 posts

Distinct Therapeutic Factor	Number of Comments	Examples
Altruism (e.g., personal experiences)	341	 Day 3 after a 4 day relapse. Started this recovery thing 27 days ago, this relapse makes it feel just like the beginning though. This is so hard I just want to get high so fucking bad. Heroin is not awesome. I just relapsed and it sucks.
Imparting Information (e.g., advice)	232	 I suggest in-patient rehab since you seem to struggle with staying stopped. It took more than a day for things to get this bad, it's gonna take a little bit for things to get good. It really takes time and dedication. Don't give up, you just need to want it bad enough.
 Comment specifically suggests seeking help form medical professional and/or a 12-step program/meetings 	68	 Meditation, support groups, etc. also maybe talk to doctors but be honest about part drug use to avoid being prescribed something dangerous perhaps? Hugs GO TO REHAB? It is wonderfully comforting for us to be in a controlled environment after a long run living hard drugs.
 Comment gives advice that is bad/potentially harmful 	3	 Smoking bud ALWAYS helped me detoxing off opiates
Instillation of Hope (e.g., support)	196	 Congrats!!! You are a miracle:-) Keep going! < 3 < 3 < 3 Doing the right thing does not always feel right!! Stay strong y'all. It's your life you are fighting for Best wishes to all and thank you. Every bit of encouragement makes a difference between success and failure.
Universality (e.g., validation)	85	 I'm in the same boat as you. Take it from those of us who have made it to the other side, it is so worth it.

*N = 524, but 13 comments excluded from analysis because they were written by the original post author.

Reddit

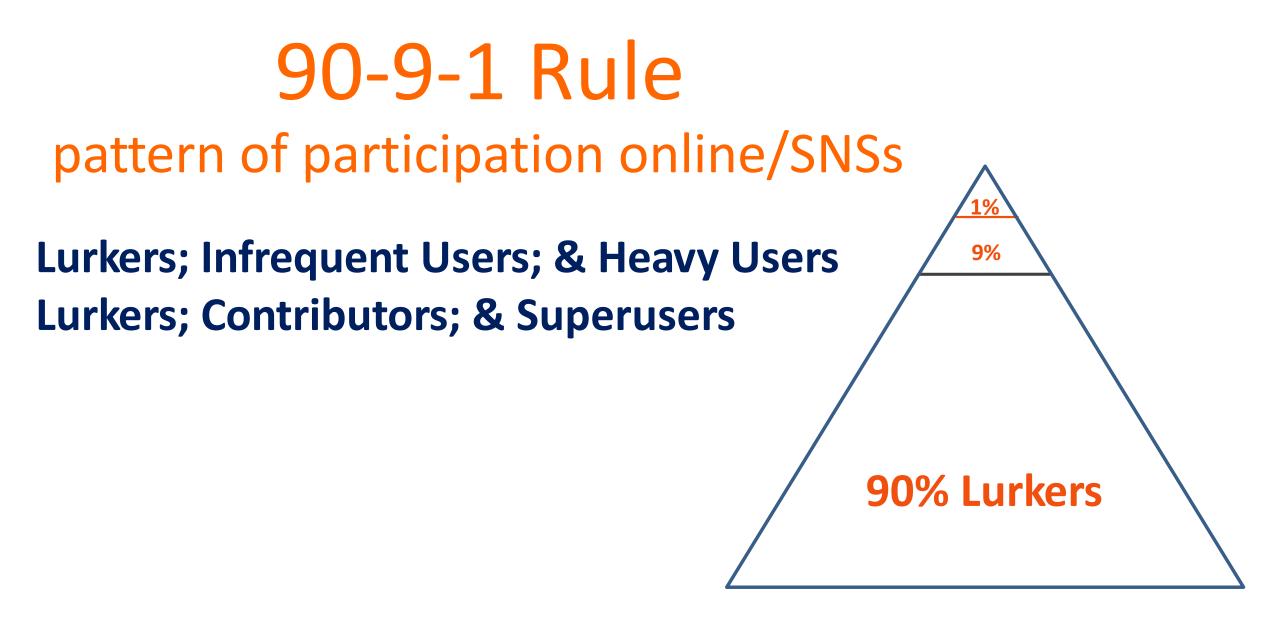
- Only 1% contained bad/potentially harmful advice; this finding should work to alleviate concerns that online social (OFFOpiates) (Agostino et al., 2017)
- Only 3 out of 126 comments provided concerning advice-(Quit Cannabis) (Sowles et al., 2017)
- Reddit is a constantly evolving platform and thus posts may vary day today
- Both Reddit groups offered little advice about seeking treatment (Agostino et al., 2017; Sowles et al., 2017)

As with most social media platforms, Reddit subscriber usernames are created by an individual who has the option to select a user name that facilitates anonymity.

Reddit is also unique from other social media sites (i.e., Facebook, Twitter) in that users can generate 'throwaway' accounts as additional proxies of anonymity.



(Agostino et al., 2017; Sowles et al., 2017)



(Nielsen, 2006; van Mierlo, 2014)

https://www.nngroup.com/articles/participation-inequality/



'Lurking' often provided reassurance.
"Reading other people's stories was so important because it made me realize I wasn't alone".

Lurking could increase RECEPTIVITY to care and support by serving as a proverbial "foot in the door" for patients/peers who are in early stages of change



(Rummel & Joyce, 2010)

Positive Aspects of Lurking

- Searching for successful peer models
- Seeking means to gain control over distress
- Vicarious experiencing to increase self-efficacy
- Comparing self to peers with similar problems
- Finding coping models that overcome failure

ONLINE NARRATIVES









Part of a recovery blog from *Sobriety Collective* Aug 2016

I write all of this knowing that it may not be popular. It may not "fit" with your recovery or sobriety narrative. However, it is my story. My truth. And when I first got sober, I needed to hear a lot of stories and truths. Stories of experience, strength and hope. I needed to hear it from CEO's and actors, teachers and lawyers, and construction workers. I needed to hear it from those who lived high on the hill and at the homeless shelter. One of the many nuggets that I took away from my 12 step meetings was to "take what I needed and leave the rest". My wish is that one person is able to see that there are many paths to recovery, that you can recover on your own terms. This, however, does not mean that you do it by yourself. I know, for sure, that is not possible. You will need help. You will need guidance. You will need people and connection in order to get your feet underneath you. But you will learn to walk again. You will learn to run again. You will be able to trust yourself and others again. You are not broken. You have been on a path that may not be serving you anymore. There are other paths. Look around. You have a choice to change the path you are on. There are others waiting there for you.

The Audacity of Recovery. The moxie to even *think* that you can recover. The boldness for you to be you and find your own path & for me to be me and find mine; for all of us to find peace and hope and joy and to bear witness. I can't wait to hear *your* story of boldness and audaciousness and moxie. Tell it, write it, speak it. We all need to hear it.

The Discovering Alcoholic Blog

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RECENT POSTS	Boston's Higher Power			
Boston's Higher Power	by SCREEDLER on AUGUST 11, 2016			
Zero to Hero				
AS I AM: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF	The <u>liner notes</u> of Boston's Greatest Hits album released in 1997 :			
DJ AM Documentary	Special thanks to the Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous programs around the world for inspiring the			
Stinking Thinking – Mo Money Mo Problems	song HIGHER POWER. Less than 10% of all cocaine & heroin users are able to free themselves from addiction, even			
	after prolonged treatment. HIGHER POWER is dedicated to those few individuals who have the heart to recognize the			
Drunk Drivers/Killer Whales	destructiveness of their addiction to themselves and those around them, and the fortitude to succeed against such a			
	powerful force.			

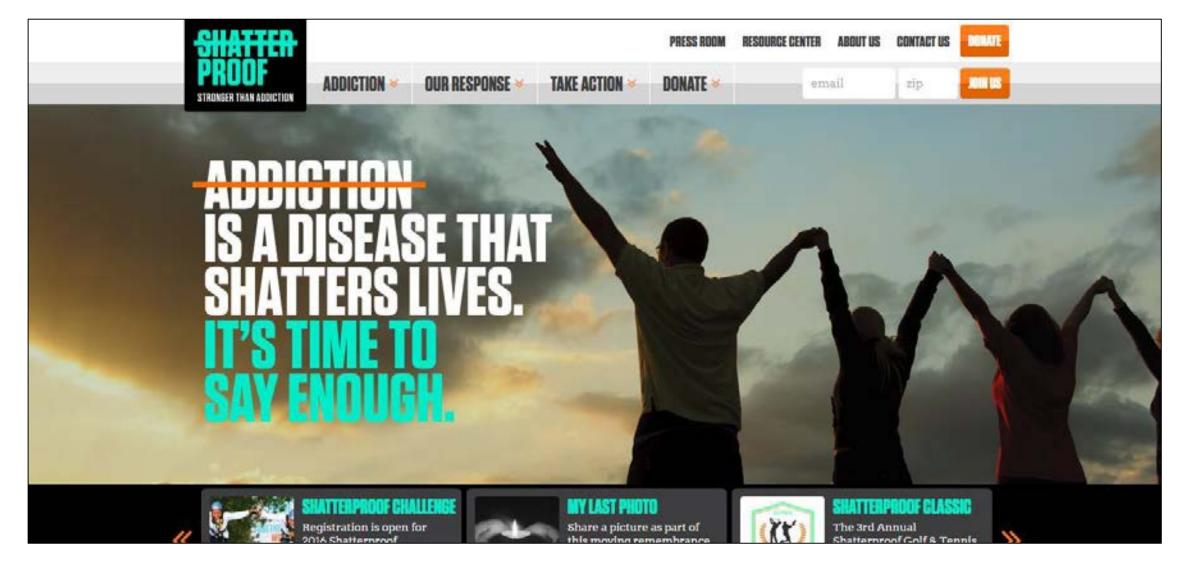
Drunky Drunk Girl Blog



the comedown (reality

I'm a woman who loves (or, loved)

Shatter Proof Blog



Sober Guy



Here is the list of the top addiction and recovery blogs for 2014:

- 1. The Fix, http://www.thefix.com (74,836)
- 2. Momastery, <u>http://momastery.com</u> (95,935)
- 3. Intervene, http://intervene.drugfree.org (110,853)
- 4. Sober Julie, http://www.soberjulie.com (127,318)
- 5. Addiction Blog, http://alcohol.addictionblog.org (237,073)
- 6. Sober College, <u>http://sobercollege.com</u> (249,029)
- 7. Spiritual River, http://www.spiritualriver.com (311,142)
- 8. SoberNation, http://www.sobernation.com (359,897)
- 9. Chipur, http://chipur.com (399,373)
- 10. Sort My Life Solutions, <u>http://www.smyls.co.uk</u> (465,037)
- 11. Breaking the Cycles, http://www.breakingthecycles.com (512,917)
- 12. The Hurt Healer, http://carolynhughesthehurthealer.com (850,601)
- 13. Addiction Today, http://www.addictiontoday.org (881,558)
- 14. Paul Garrigan.com, <u>http://paulgarrigan.com</u> (883,526)
- 15. Recovery Health Care, <u>http://recoveryhealthcare.me</u> (921,193)

(http://cathytaughinbaugh.com/55-top-addiction-recovery-blogs-2014/)

New Blogs



- Sober Senorita <u>https://sobersenorita.com/blog/</u>
- Sober Courage <u>https://sobercourage.com/</u>
- The Sober School <u>http://thesoberschool.com/kates-blog/</u>
- I am Just FINE <u>http://fine-anon.blogspot.com/</u>
- 12stepphilosophy <u>https://12stepphilosophy.wordpress.com/</u>



The Bubble Hour



Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Who Am I Now? (Guest: Margaret)

If we define ourselves by what we do, it can be hard to remain stable when a big change comes along. For Margaret, retirement could have left her searching for meaning and purpose. Instead, she is looking forward to the freedom to fully be herself. Join us for a discussion about knowing ourselves from within, instead of that which others say we are.



LIFESTYLE Who Am I Now? (Guest: Margaret) by The Bubble Hour



Daily-ish Inspiration



12 on 12

12 on 12 -Musicians/Bands/Songs for Our Sobriety & Recovery

July 12, 2016

six writers, artists, creatives in recovery have come together to give you

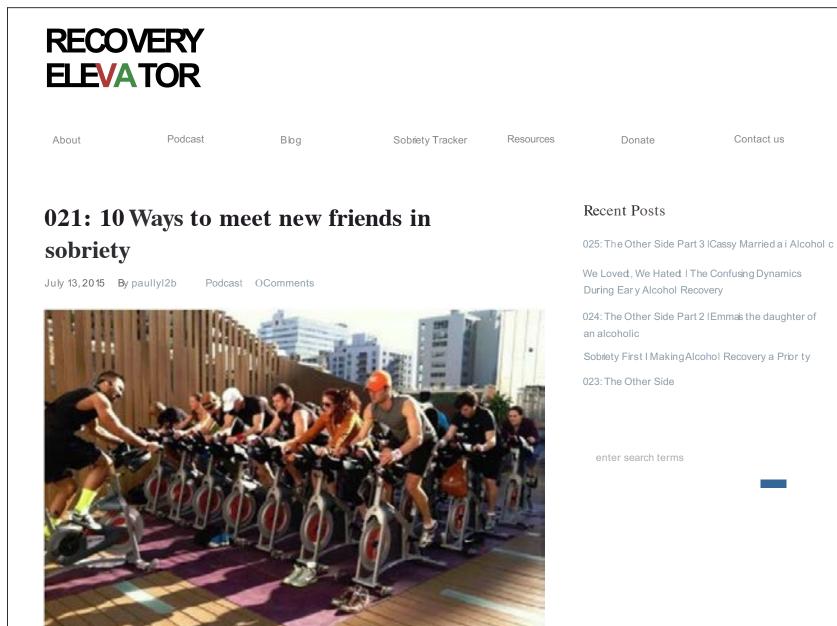


a monthly collection of 12 things that have helped their sobriety available on the 12th of each month

Lara Frazier A Story of Healing Mark Goodson Miracle of the Mundane Miracle of the Mundane

After Party Pod

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Author and comedian Bucky Sinister is not nearly as sinister as his name suggests/outright says	Author and musician Joe C. is more than a bit of a legend in recovery	Your Phone Number *
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Contact us

Here are the 10 ways to meet new friends in sobriety that Paul discusses in this podcast episode

11 podcasts with interviews and information to help support all aspects of recovery

- 1. Smart Recovery and Special Event Podcasts, <u>http://smartrecovery.libsyn.com/webinar-act-smart (6,673)</u>
- 2. Recovery 101, http://recovery101.podomatic.com/ (18,151)
- 3. Addicted to Addicts, http://webtalkradio.net/internet-talk-radio/addicted-to-addicts-survival-101/ (844,757)
- 4. Growing Up Chaotic, http://growingupchaotic.com/ (1,688,294)
- 5. The Bubble Hour, http://www.thebubblehour.com/ (5,459,624)
- 6. 100 Pedals, <u>http://www.100pedals.com/category/addiction-conversation-podcast/</u> (2,575,911)
- 7. Sober Conversations, http://recoveryhealthcare.me/category/sober-conversations/ (5,750,285)
- 8. Recovered Podcast, http://recoveredcast.blogspot.com/ (12,615,234)
- 9. Addiction Recovery Radio, <u>http://www.addictionrecoveryradio.com/podcast/(17,635,126)</u>
- 10. The Recovery Show, http://therecoveryshow.com/(20,434,827)
- 11. Addiction and Recovery Podcast, http://paulgarrigan.podbean.com/ (24,174,581)



- Rebellion Dogs Radio <u>https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rebelliondogs12stepradio</u>
- Drop the Needle <u>https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/rebelliondogs12stepradio</u>
- Buzzkill Pod <u>https://soundcloud.com/buzzkill-pod</u>
- Home Podcast <u>http://www.homepodcast.org/</u>
- Bad Story Pod <u>http://www.thesobrietycollective.com/badstory-listen/</u>
- Sharing Helps Addicts in Recovery (SHAIR) <u>http://theshairpodcast.com/</u>
- Real Deal Recovery <u>http://realdealrecoverypod.com/category/podcast/</u>
- Opiate Recovery Podcasts <u>http://www.opiatesupportgroup.com/</u>
- Rise and Grind <u>http://soberpodcasts.com/rise-grind/</u>

Videos

Peer support across 4 themes:

- minimizing a sense of isolation and providing hope
- finding support through peer exchange and reciprocity
- sharing strategies for coping with day-to-day challenges of severe mental illness
- learning from shared experiences of medication use and seeking mental health care

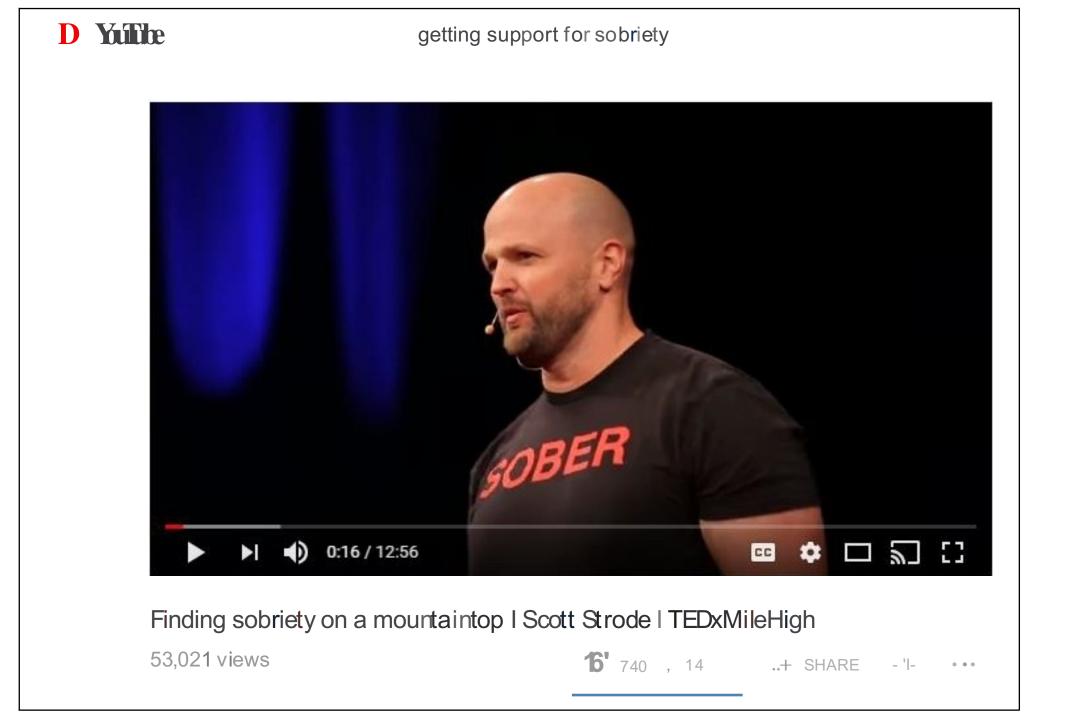
Many videos meet accepted notions of peer support in severe mental illness as a voluntary process aimed at inclusion and mutual advancement through shared experience and developing a sense of community.

YouTube

- YouTube 2nd most visited website in the world
- 5 billion videos are watched on You Tube every day
- Female users are 38% and male users are 62%.
- User Percentage by Age
 - **18-24 11%**
 - 25-34 23%
 - **35-44 26%**
 - **45-54 16%**
 - **50-64 8%**
 - 65+ 3%; unknown age 14%

More than half of YouTube views come from mobile devices

https://merchdope.com/youtube-statistics/



Comments posted to 2 YouTube Videos

Thank you soo much for this video it has made me feel a little less alone ... i myself have bipolar 2 and have been off meds for about 6 months now and am also feeling the day to day fight i have in my head just to live in the real world ...

Comment on Video #5: video uploaded by female with bipolar disorder

I can relate to almost everything you say ... I'm too afraid to talk to people to have someone to relate to and discuss it with. So this video helps me in that I get to listen to your story and what you're going through and feel like I'm not alone ...

Comment on Video #18: video uploaded by male with schizophrenia

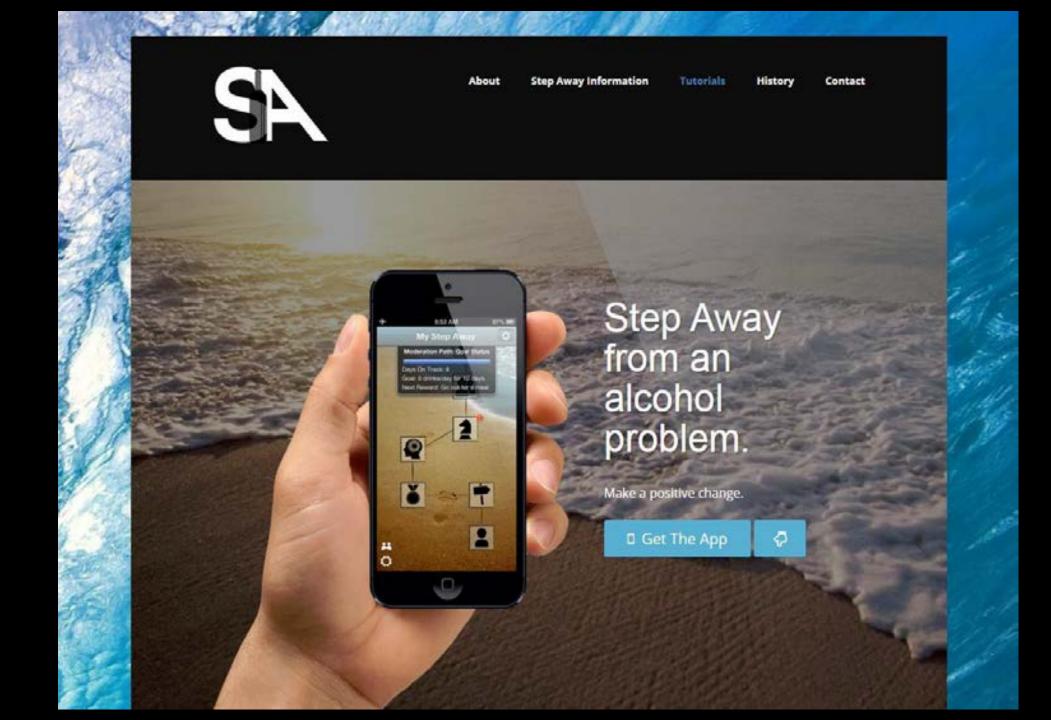
Apps provide

- Information
- Motivation
- Support
- Feedback



Types/Functions of Apps

- Self-Management Apps
- Apps for Improving Thinking Skills
- Skill-Training Apps
- Illness Management/Supported Care
- Passive Symptom Tracking
- Data Collection





12 Steps AA Companion 2 - App iPhone + iPod Touch + iPad + Android + Kindle + Nook

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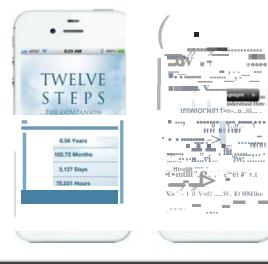


NOOK app

The ORIGINAL & MOST COMPREHENSIVE sobriety tool available for members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

With a feature packed Big Book reader, search tool, sobriety calculator, notes, AA contacts database and more, your experience is unmatched! Every member of AA will find this app very useful y et quite simple to use.

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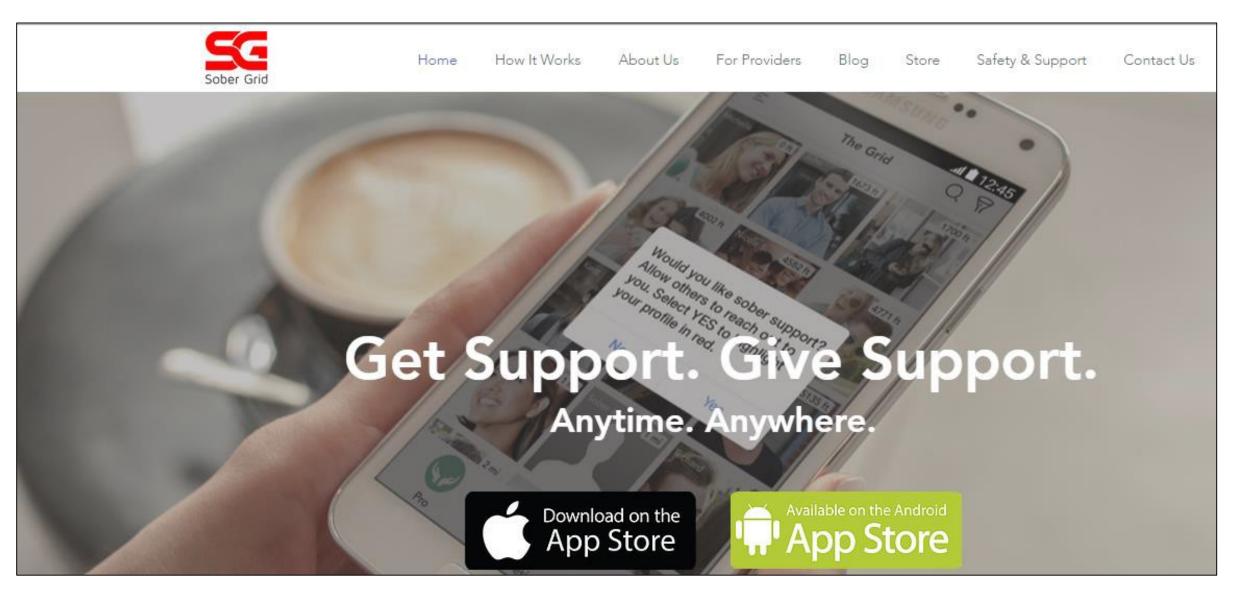


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Sober Grid



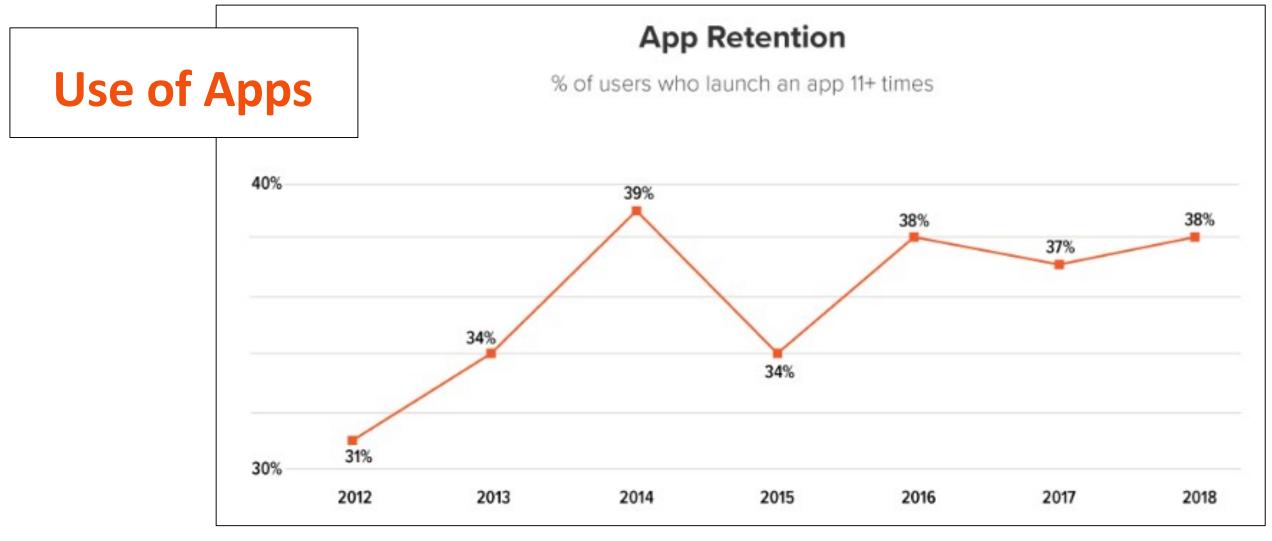


- Users can log in to find sober people wherever
- Chat/messaging functions- creating individual profiles
- Allows users to send their location to another user if they would like to meet
- Geosocial networking features help users find and connect with sober people locally/in the world



The phrase "There's an App for That" epitomizes the superficial view that technology can be a quick fix to motivate people who have struggled with behavioral challenges all their lives and who have been unable to change in spite of significant consequences of these behaviors.

- recoveryBox <u>http://recoveryboxapp.com/about.php</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrvInzJHlrWKg2S9VwJDsPQ</u>
- Daybreak <u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/daybreak-drink-less/id1107514492?mt=8</u>
- I am Sober https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/i-am-sober/id672904239?mt=8
- MOBER Fellowship App (mobile & Sober) <u>http://moberapp.com/#aboutus</u>
- Happify <u>https://my.happify.com/</u>
- Today's Step <u>http://www.todaysstep.com/</u>
- Cassava App <u>https://www.elementsbehavioralhealth.com/about/cassava-sobriety-app/</u>
- Squirrel Recovery https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.capstone2015.sobrietysupport&hl=en
- <u>Afternoon Affirmations https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/afternoon-affirmations/id441780213?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4</u>
- Field Guide Hazelden https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/field-guide-to-life-addiction-recoverysupport/id492256348?mt=8
- <u>SMART Recovery Cost Benefit Analysis https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/field-guide-to-life-addiction-recovery-support/id492256348?mt=8</u>
- Weconnect <u>https://www.weconnectrecovery.com/</u>



Additionally, a recent study regarding health app use among vulnerable populations found that participants lacked confidence with the technology and expressed frustration with design and navigation.

http://info.localytics.com/blog/21-percent-of-users-abandon-apps-after-one-use

Sarkar et al, 2016; Baldwin et al., 2017

New Opportunities Through Online Peer to Peer Support

Challenge Stigma Through Personal Empowerment and Hope

- Feel less alone
- Feel connected

Promote Consumer Activation

- A recent study found that many people with mental illness were motivated to seek formal mental health care after first searching or discussing concerns with peers online (Lawlor & Kirakowski, 2014). It is possible that connecting with similar others through online networks may act as a catalyst for prompting individuals to seek formal care (Powell et al. 2003).
- Finding better ways to communicate with medical providers
- Navigate unfamiliar health care environments

Access Intervention for Mental/Physical Wellbeing

• Initiating involvement with health-related activities (weight loss, quitting smoking, etc.)

Peer Technology Navigator

- Peer navigators have played a role in helping people with mental illness gain access to formal health and mental health care services.
- A peer technology navigator model may be useful for linking persons to evidence-based online and mobile interventions in these non-clinical mental health settings.
- Seek input from peer support stakeholders, including leadership, staff, and members, on feasible and desirable roles for peers in the delivery of technology based support.

Aschbrenner et al., 2018

Creating and Preparing Your DHT Tool Belt

Tens of millions of Americans have successfully resolved an AOD problem using a variety of traditional and non-traditional means. Findings suggest a need for a broadening of the menu of self-change and community-based options that can facilitate and support long-term **AOD problem resolution**

Homework assignments for each week are posted on the portal.

Each week's assignment will include class discussion activities.

