

~~been able to get an answering service instead of the sole answer~~
~~has really been a big help.~~ NA Group At Hiland Mountain And
Meadow Creek Correctional Center--Day By Day Group: ~~We~~ meets twice a
 week: Tuesday (open) and Thursday (closed). ~~The~~ Tuesday meeting began
 in April of 1981 as a drug discussion group. Then, ~~thanks to~~ ~~Bob,~~
~~Roger,~~ ~~and~~ ~~Condi,~~ it became an official NA Group in October of 1981;
 the Starter Kit was indispensable. The Tuesday meetings have always
 been pretty small, usually no more than five or six. These are open
 discussion meetings, and ~~if any outside person would like to attend~~
~~or to be a guest speaker, see Diane to try to arrange it;~~ since the
 Superintendent must also approve. The Thursday night meetings have
 been attracting between ten and twenty residents and two to five
 outside members. We have a fairly high percentage of persons who
 start that "keep coming back". Every other week is a step-study
 meeting. We have received a lot of support from outside members
 in the way of literature, information, suggestions, and sharing
 of experiences. This personal support has really helped to keep
 NA going in the jail, and it has given the people leaving the jail
 some confidence to go to meetings on the street. A lot of outside
 visitors have said that coming to the meeting at the jail helps them
 to remember where they came from, too. One question that has come
 up is in regard to sponsors and we would welcome any suggestions
 on this subject. Anchorage Rush Group Report For California Conf-
erence in May, 1982. Rush Group has two meetings/week; Tuesday
 night, a step-study meeting, attended by usually 8-10 people, with
 two or three newcomers each month. Friday night attracts usually
 about twenty to thirty people; it's an open meeting and there are
 usually two or three newcomers each week. Rush Group was the
 original NA group in Alaska; it started the phone answering service
 and kept it going until ASC was able to take that service over.
 We were also instrumental in organizing the ASC, as well as the
 other NA groups now functioning. In the future we want to improve
 our ability to carry the message. We plan on doing this in two
 primary ways: a membership drive and increasing contributions.
 We are constantly grateful and appreciative of the support we get
 but we are disgruntled at times because commitments get broken,
 people fail to support the group by neglecting to attend meetings
 and business meetings, and responsibilities get dropped. We hope
 to improve this situation in the upcoming months.

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NA started in Alaska ~~three years ago,~~ and is still holding,
 they originally started ~~about eight years ago,~~ but it dissipated,
 and there really was no more NA. We now have seven meetings a
 week in Anchorage, four are Hospital and Institutions, one at the
 state jail, juvenile correction, a treatment center and the air
 force base that meets once a month. Approximately 100 members.
 In those seven meetings, there per week, are three different groups.
 The original group is called the "Rush Group" and they started out
 with and continue to have two groups. We now have meetings in
 Kodiak, Homer, Wasilla, Kenai, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Out big
 problem in Anchorage is transportation; we try to communicate by
 letters, sending out the minutes to our area service, but a lot of
 times we don't get any response, the GSR's from other groups have
 difficulty getting to Anchorage due to cost of air fare, etc.