

# CoDependents Anonymous (CoDA)

## Virtual Portland-Metro Meetings (updated 9-24-2020)

These meetings use the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of CoDependents Anonymous ("CoDA") (as adopted from Alcoholics Anonymous) as a program of recovery from codependency. Each meeting is autonomous and chooses its own meeting format. We suggest to call or email the group first. No child care unless noted. Send any updates to [codapdx@gmail.com](mailto:codapdx@gmail.com)

**Portland CoDA email:** [codapdx@gmail.com](mailto:codapdx@gmail.com)    **Local Website:** [coda-pdx.org](http://coda-pdx.org)    **National Website:** [CoDA.org](http://CoDA.org)

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**ALL IN-PERSON MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19. CONTACT THE CONTACT NAME LISTED TO GET ACCESS TO THE VIRTUAL MEETING.**

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**PEOPLE WHO LOVE TOO MUCH CoDA GROUP – NW Portland OR127** **Sunday 10:00-11:30 AM**  
Meeting Place: Portland Alano Club    Meeting Type: Open, Topic, Literature; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month is Speakers Meeting  
Address: 909 NW 24<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR    Special Instructions: NW 24th at Kearney, Third Floor, Loft Room  
Contact: AJ (503) 890-6217 (text) [ajbarnett@hg-wt.com](mailto:ajbarnett@hg-wt.com) or Ray (503) 643-7308    Meeting room not wheelchair accessible.  
Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/668523676?pwd=RmVIVEg2N0J4N1FULzRKS2U0emZYUT09>, ID 668 523 676, PW 020462  
One tap mobile +13462487799,,668523676# US (Houston)

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**QueerToo CoDA Zoom (online) Meeting (LGBTQIAP+ affinity group)** **Sunday at 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Contact: [q2coda@gmail.com](mailto:q2coda@gmail.com) or text: 971-333-8438 for access to the meeting.

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**CoDA BLUE BOOK MEETING – Vancouver WA161** **Sunday 6:30–7:45 PM**  
Meeting Place: PeaceHealth SW Medical Center – Memorial Campus    Meeting Type: Open, Steps, Share  
Address: 3400 Main St., Vancouver, WA    Special Instructions: Go in Urgent Care doors off Main St.,  
Contact: Bob E. (360) 901-3060 [bob.aerofun@gmail.com](mailto:bob.aerofun@gmail.com)    take elevator to basement, to Fir Willow Room  
Christine D. (360) 931-4160 [kwconsideritdunn@gmail.com](mailto:kwconsideritdunn@gmail.com).

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**A NEW DAY CoDA GROUP – Camas WA121** **Monday 7:00-8:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Camas Friends Church, 1004 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (corner of Ione St. & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.), Camas, WA    Meeting Type: Open, Share  
Contact: Nancy K. (239) 273-9403 [2nancykraus@gmail.com](mailto:2nancykraus@gmail.com)  
Karyn G. (503) 349-1238 [ka.gilmore@comcast.net](mailto:ka.gilmore@comcast.net)    Note: Door to meeting by lower parking lot on Ione Street.

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**CoDA – DESIRE FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS – Vancouver WA185** **Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Recovery Resource Center    Address: 9317 NE Hwy 99, Suite M, Vancouver, WA (behind Enterprise Rent-A-Car)  
Contact Mark (425) 299-5632 [markclark39@gmail.com](mailto:markclark39@gmail.com) Ann C (360) 991-1256 [afirs@juno.com](mailto:afirs@juno.com)    Meeting Type: Open, Share

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**CANBY CoDA – Canby OR166** **Tuesday 5:30-6:30 PM**  
Meeting Place: Canby United Methodist Church    Address: 1520 N. Holly St., Canby, OR    Meeting Type: Literature study  
Contact Carlee (503) 915-2965 [carleefrancis@gmail.com](mailto:carleefrancis@gmail.com) or Donna A. (503) 982-0603

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**JOYFUL AWAKENINGS – Beaverton OR170** **Tuesday 6:00-7:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Unity Church of Beaverton    Meeting Type: Newcomers - Teens welcome  
Address: 12650 SW 5th Street  
Contact: Elaine (503) 810-2393 (text) [elainej713@msn.com](mailto:elainej713@msn.com)    Special Instructions: Meeting is held in church sanctuary

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**SOJOURNER'S CoDA GROUP – Beaverton OR095** **Tuesday 7:00-8:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Unity Church of Beaverton    Meeting Type: Open, Share, Adults Only - Teens welcome  
Address: 12650 SW 5th Street    Special Instructions: Meeting is held in church sanctuary  
Contact: Jess C. (503) 616-8984 [jess51578@msn.com](mailto:jess51578@msn.com)

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**QUEER CoDA – NE Portland OR150** **Thursday 7:00-8:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church    Meeting Type: LGBTQIA+, Open, Topic, Share  
Address: 1624 NE Hancock St., Portland, OR    Note: Meeting is in the Fireside Room  
Contact: Jameson (541) 870-1943 or [qcodapdx@gmail.com](mailto:qcodapdx@gmail.com)    Call contact person if wheelchair access is needed

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**GRESHAM CoDA Group – Gresham OR158** **Thursday 7:30-8:30 PM**  
Meeting Place: East County Alano Club    Meeting Type: Open, Share  
Address: 1015 NE Roberts Ave., Gresham, OR    Contact: Susie G at [Coda.gresham@gmail.com](mailto:Coda.gresham@gmail.com)

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**FRIDAY MORNING BLUE BOOK CoDA – Vancouver WA170** **Friday 9:00-10:00 AM**  
Meeting Place: PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center    Meeting Type: Open, Blue Book reading, Share  
Address: 600 NE 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave. (Mill Plain Campus), Vancouver, WA    Note: Meeting is in Health Education Center  
Contact Lorretta R. (209) 600-2948 or [sunnygracie4@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnygracie4@yahoo.com)    Check room # on schedule in lobby.

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**CoDA NEWCOMER'S MEETING – Aloha OR** **Friday 6:00-7:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Aloha United Methodist Church    Meeting Type: For NEWCOMERS who want to learn more about  
Address: 2270 SW 198<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aloha OR    codependency and CoDA. Open discussion.  
Contact: Elaine (503) 810-2393 (text) or [elainej713@msn.com](mailto:elainej713@msn.com)

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**CoDA STEP/SHARE – NW Portland OR130** **Friday 6:30-8:00 PM**  
Meeting Place: Portland Alano Club    Meeting Type: Open, Drop-in Step discussion meeting  
Address: 909 NW 24th Ave., Portland, OR    Special Instructions: NW 24th at Kearney, First floor, Clock Room  
Contact: Elin (612) 703-4006 or [elinmichelmidfelfort@gmail.com](mailto:elinmichelmidfelfort@gmail.com)    Note: Meeting room is not wheelchair accessible.

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**7th Tradition Contributions** – Contact Vivian at 719- 648-8392 or [vjpowers29@gmail.com](mailto:vjpowers29@gmail.com) for how to make payment. Contributions help support Intergroup’s mission and services.

## What is CoDependence?

Co-Dependents Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who have a common purpose. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and fulfilling relationships.

We gather to support and share with each other in a journey of self-discovery—learning to love the self. Living the program allows each of us to become increasingly honest with ourselves about our personal histories and our own codependent behaviors.

We rely upon the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions for knowledge and wisdom. These are the principles of our program and guides to developing honest and fulfilling relationships with others and ourselves.

In CoDA, we each learn to build a bridge to a Higher Power of our own understanding, and we allow others the same privilege. This renewal process is a gift of healing for us. By actively working the program of Co-Dependents Anonymous, we can each realize a new joy, acceptance, and serenity in our lives.

Many of us struggle with the question: What is codependence? Am I co-dependent? We offer no definition or diagnostic criteria for co-dependence. What we do offer from our experience are characteristic attitudes and behaviors that describe what our co-dependent histories have been like.

We believe that recovery begins with an honest self-diagnosis. We came to accept our inability to maintain healthy and nurturing relationships with others and ourselves. We began to recognize that the cause lay in long-standing destructive patterns of living.

## Patterns, Characteristics and Behaviors

These patterns and behaviors are offered as a tool to aid in self-evaluation.

### Denial Patterns

- Have difficulty identifying feelings
- Minimize, alter or deny feelings
- Perceive themselves as being completely unselfish and dedicated to the well-being of others

### Low Self-Esteem patterns

- Have difficulty making decisions
- Judge thoughts, words and actions harshly, as never being good enough
- Embarrassed to receive recognition, praise or gifts
- Unable to ask others to meet their needs or wants
- Value other people’s approval of their thoughts, feelings and behaviors over their own self-approval
- Feel unworthy or unlovable

### Compliance Patterns

- Compromise values and integrity to avoid rejection and other people’s anger
- Are very sensitive to other people’s feelings and assume the same feelings
- Are extremely loyal, remaining in harmful situations too long
- Place a higher value on others’ opinions and feelings
- Are afraid to express differing viewpoints or feelings
- Put aside personal interests and hobbies in order to do what others want
- Accept sex as a substitute for love

### Control Patterns

- Believe most others are incapable of caring for themselves
- Attempt to convince others what they should think or feel
- Become resentful when others refuse their offers of help
- Freely offer advice and guidance without being asked

- Lavish gifts and favors on those they care about
- Use sex to gain approval and acceptance
- Have to be needed in order to have a relationship with others

## Codependent Behaviors

- Dishonesty: making up excuses or withholding the truth to avoid other’s anger
- Talking about others - gossip
- Obsessing
- Controlling and manipulative behavior
- Interpreting others’ behaviors instead of asking
- Anticipating the reactions of others
- Self-neglect
- Comparisons statements like “I can’t do it as well as you do” or “He’s better than I am”.
- Blaming others or refusing to take responsibility for your actions
- Polarized thinking: No gray areas. Things are good or bad, right or wrong.
- Perfectionism

The path to recovery lies in identifying these and other behaviors, acknowledging their power, and learning new ways to relate to the world.

## The Promises

I can expect a miraculous change in my life by working the program of Co-Dependents Anonymous. As I make an honest effort to work the Twelve Steps and follow the Twelve Traditions...

1. I know a new sense of belonging. The feelings of emptiness and loneliness will disappear.
2. I am no longer controlled by my fears. I overcome my fears and act with courage, integrity, and dignity.
3. I know a new freedom.
4. I release myself from worry, guilt, and regret about my past and present. I am aware enough not to repeat it.
5. I know a new love and acceptance of others and myself. I feel genuinely lovable, loving and loved.
6. I learn to see myself as equal to others. My new and renewed relationships are all with equal partners.
7. I am capable of developing and maintaining healthy and loving relationships. The need to control and manipulate others will disappear as I learn to trust those who are trustworthy.
8. I learn that it is possible for me to mend, to become more loving, intimate and supportive. I have the choice of communicating with my family in a way, which is safe for me and respectful of them.
9. I acknowledge that I am a unique and precious creation.
10. I no longer need to rely solely on others to provide my sense of worth.
11. I trust a guidance I receive from my Higher Power and come to believe in my own capabilities.
12. I gradually experience serenity, strength, and spiritual growth in my daily life.