

FA Intergroup FAQs

Why form an FA Intergroup?

Formation of Intergroups within a specific geographical area has proved to be invaluable in strengthening FA groups and lending further support to the continuance of the program itself. Intergroups are an extension of our “FAMILY” and offer many benefits, such as:

- Area-wide Speakers and Leaders Committee; support for new meetings or “weak” meetings
- Financial support for the Intergroup Office Information Line telephone number or P.O. Box
- Bulk literature ordering, local stocking, faster distribution
- Exchange of ideas regarding meeting attendance, unusual group problems and relation of groups to the media, professionals, etc.
- Opportunities for members to become better acquainted through occasional social get-togethers

In addition, a truly dedicated, functioning Intergroup provides strength and support to all member groups.

Who may form an Intergroup?

Any two or more registered Families Anonymous groups may decide to form an Intergroup. There is no limit to the number of groups who may join, although geographical distance would be a consideration. Within any state or area there could be several Intergroups as needed. As FA grows we may easily envision the formation of state, area, or district Intergroups.

How does an Intergroup get started?

1. Interested groups may contact the WSB Intergroup Development Committee at intergroup@familiesanonymous.org or the World Service Office (WSO) to request information on forming an Intergroup.
2. The local group’s representatives schedule and attend an organizational meeting where a temporary chair (selected there) leads discussion and presents Intergroup benefits.
3. A second, election meeting is scheduled in which interested groups send one or more delegates. Each group elects their delegate(s), and they need not be the group Secretary.
4. Delegates to the newly forming Intergroup elect officers (usually a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary); choose a name for their Intergroup, and draft By-Laws (which may not conflict with Families Anonymous, Inc., By-Laws).

5. The proposed By-Laws are submitted to the FA World Service Board, along with the newly elected Intergroup officers' names and addresses, phone numbers and E-mail. The WSB will review the proposed by-laws to ensure they do not conflict with the FA By-Laws and do not violate any of the FA Traditions. The World Service board will act on the request within six weeks of submission and notify the Intergroup officers of the results of the By-Laws review.
6. Once the Intergroup By-Laws have been approved by the WSB, the Intergroup registers with the WSO and the Intergroup is added to our FA directory.

When and where do Intergroups meet?

Intergroups may meet monthly, every other month, or quarterly. Some meetings are held on a rotating basis at the different member-groups' regular meeting places. Other Intergroups hold monthly potluck dinner meetings at the homes of different members. There is no set pattern, but the social aspects of these meetings seem to be beneficial.

Intergroup reports to World Service Board

Intergroups are required to submit a periodic report (based on their meeting schedule) to the World Service Board. Reports may be made in person or submitted by mail or E-mail to the Intergroup Coordinator. A brief statement of the Intergroup's activities and plans is sufficient. Reports should be submitted in time for presentation at regular monthly World Service Board meetings, usually the 3rd Saturday of the month.

What If I Have More Questions or Need More Information?

For further assistance, please contact the World Service Board Intergroup Development Committee at intergroup@familiesanonymous.org or by contacting the WSO.