

History of NA in Michigan

The oldest known member of NA in Michigan shares that the first NA meeting he is aware of was started in Detroit in February of 1969, on Jefferson Avenue, at the Presbyterian Church. This meeting was sponsored by an NA group out of Cleveland, Ohio. When he returned to that meeting a few months later he discovered the group either dissolved or went underground due to police harassment.

The next meeting was started by this member and another in June of 1975. This meeting was held in Bay City, at the Bialy Building on Wednesday nights. Throughout the next few years meetings were started in many other places like Riverside Center, Friendship House, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Samaritan Health Center, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

In 1977, the meeting held at the Bialy Building on Wednesday nights was moved to the Trinity Episcopal Church basement and is still held there. In 1978, a meeting which was being held at Riverside Center on Sunday nights was also moved to Trinity Episcopal Church basement. These two meetings merged together to form one group and are known today as "The Never Alone Group." There are two people remaining who attended the first meetings, one of them being the member who started the first meeting in Bay City. In 1979, two meetings were started at Samaritan Health Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In 1980, a Wednesday Noon meeting was started at Samaritan Health Center. The Tuesday and Thursday meetings still remain with the Wednesday Noon meeting folding in February of 1983. A women's meeting was started at St. Hedwigs Rectory in January of 1983 on Monday nights. In February of 1983, a meeting was started on Friday nights at St. Hedwigs Rectory. The women's meeting changed from a women's meeting to a regular closed NA meeting in May of 1983. These two meetings merged together to form one group and are known today as "Start and End the Weekend Right Group." In April 1983, a Thursday midnight, and a Saturday afternoon meeting was started and is known as "The Over the Hill Group." In February of 1983, Bay City's first Nar-Anon meeting was started at St. Hedwigs Rectory. This meeting is still existing today.

Today, Bay City has nine NA meetings a week, which are made up from five different groups.