

# AAADAC

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**Letter from the President:**

Greetings from the officers and board members of the Arkansas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (AAADAC) to all members and friends!

First, let me express my appreciation to our previous president, Mike Clark, for his excellent leadership through the past year, and thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as the President of the AAADAC.

The first step in the success of any organization is getting its membership to participate, becoming involved in the organization, not only for the organization's sake, but for the betterment of the individual as well. The AAADAC membership has increased in the past 2 years; however we have not yet reached our goal of at least 250 members. We want to ensure all potential members have the opportunity to receive the benefits of being a member of the AAADAC.

One of my goals as president is to establish communication with all providers of substance abuse treatment in the state and encourage them and their employees to join our organization. Only then will this association truly be represented across the state of Arkansas. The AAADAC will truly be successful when we represent and speak for all substance abuse counselors across the State, and all of them believe in the organization and support and participate in it as well.

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Another goal is to continue our involvement in state politics, and make sure that our state legislators know who we are and how they can benefit us. It is also critical that they feel comfortable and know us well enough to consult substance abuse professionals on legislation related to the advancement of the substance abuse field.

The AAADAC will also continue to provide opportunities for exemplary trainings and scholarships to our members. We will improve communication to inform members of what is happening in the field of substance abuse. Please encourage your co-workers, friends, and colleagues to join our organization and represent them in the fight against addiction.

Thank you,  
*Dee Everett-Cantrell*  
AAADAC President

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**The following people have earned the CADC credentials in June 2008:**

- Sharon Bishop
- Yulonda Broom
- Amanda Dixson
- Robert Hammond
- Russell Harris
- Patience Hudlow
- Carl Hudson
- Awanna Kincade
- Chris Lieux
- Marlo Lowe
- Barbara Osborn
- Thomas Ream
- Donnie Scott
- Melinda Smith
- Susan Stecker
- Cathy Taurone
- Tina Thompson
- Shamika Trimble

### AAADAC Award Winners

Announced at the Annual  
Banquet  
June 12, 2008

**New Counselor of the Year:**

◆ **Chrissie Larchez**  
YouthBridge

**Counselor of the Year:**

◆ **Tim Grant**  
Horizon Adolescent Treatment  
Center

**Years of Service:**

◆ **Gene Gibbons**  
Gyst House

**Robert Sarver Award:**

◆ **Jim Clark**  
Wilbur D. Mills

***AAADAC monthly meeting is now held at Baker's Building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 1:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.***

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