

NCCNA will develop regions within its support group area. Each region will consist of 3 - 5 support groups formed, forming, and projected to form within a contiguous geographical area. This will bring NCCNA to the groups at a more personal level.

- Each region will have a Coordinator to facilitate communication and planning for whole region activities. The leaders and leadership teams of the support groups within the region will serve as the leadership team of the region. The Regional Coordinator may or may not be on a support group leadership team, but must be a member of NCCNA as is also required of the support group Leaders.
- Regional Coordinators are not required to have led or be leading a support group. They need, however, to be able to lead a meeting successfully. Regional Coordinators may volunteer for the position, or be recruited.
- The Regional Coordinator will get acquainted with the leadership teams of the support groups in their region. The Regional Coordinator will support the leadership teams and facilitate their development and functioning. If a group has a single leader, the Regional Coordinator will encourage development of a team so there is backup for the leader and, if possible, an assistant leader. A treasurer for the support group is also desirable to connect with the NCCNA Treasurer and manage the petty cash. The Assistant Leader might serve also in this capacity.
- The Regional Coordinator will periodically visit their support groups at the groups' regular meetings. Once or twice a year would probably suffice unless a special need existed.
- The Regional Coordinator may substitute for a group leader at a meeting if the group leader is unable to be there if another person in the group is not able to stand in.
- The Regional Coordinator should encourage group leaders to periodically attend meetings of another group, and to invite others to their group's meetings, especially when an outstanding speaker is scheduled.
- Any support group that plans a special activity, such as participating in a health fair, should be encouraged to invite other members in the region to participate. The Regional Coordinator can help the groups do this.
- The Regional Coordinator will plan periodic special events to which everyone in the region will be invited. If appropriate, others beyond the region might also be invited to participate. These events should possibly be held once a year, depending on how much effort is needed to organize them, and what other events are on the calendar.

- Regions may volunteer to host the Annual Meeting within their region by notifying the Board of Directors. The facility, logistics, and food would be the responsibility of the region to arrange, with the Board of Directors planning the program in consultation with the regional leadership. Except for costs the region may choose to cover, the Board of Directors will pay for the lunch, the building rental if it can't be obtained free of charge, and incidental expenses mutually agreed upon.
- Regional Coordinators will also provide guidance and assistance if one or more groups in their region want to undertake projects such as a regional newsletter or a special outreach.
- The regional leadership team, under the direction of the Coordinator, will plan means of publicity and promotion for their groups and the NCCNA, including membership recruitment.
- The regional leadership team will be encouraged to look at underserved areas within their region where a support group is needed and assist in getting one started.
- Regional Coordinators report to the Group Development Coordinator. The Group Development Coordinator keeps in communication with Regional Coordinators to facilitate what they are doing and responds with needed direction and resources. The Group Development Coordinator would also be responsible for support groups in any region without a Regional Coordinator. The Group Development Coordinator should visit each region at least once every three years, or more often if possible. Ideally, the Group Development Coordinator will attend a support group meeting arranged by the Regional Coordinator to which all the leadership teams of the groups in that area would be invited.
- Members of the Board of Directors will be available for contact, will visit one or more support groups in the region, and will attend events as is possible. An effort will be made to have at least one Board Member attending any regional event.
- The Board of Directors will be kept aware of the activities of support groups and regions so as to help where needed or requested and to advise on legal and procedural situations as such arise.
- The Regional Coordinator shall report on activities at least quarterly, but should do so as soon after events or visits as possible.
- Any expenses incurred by the Regional Coordinator or by anyone doing a regional activity will be reimbursed from the funds of the support groups within the region. Expenses will be proportioned based upon membership, unless the group leaders agree to divide the expenses another way.

- The Regional Coordinator may be reimbursed for mileage incurred in doing coordinator work, if they choose. Requests must be made in accordance with established procedures, and reimbursement will be at the rate established for Board travel at the time the mileage was incurred.