

10 LIFE-SAVING QUESTIONS YOU MUST ASK ANY RECOVERY SERVICES & SOBER LIVING PROVIDER

Unfortunately, the Recovery Industry is filled with many 'Self Proclaimed Experts' in the field. Many of these 'experts' have stylish websites that advertise their 'one of a kind services' that are unparalleled. They make bold and dishonest claims that they are expert providers of Recovery Services without any merit whatsoever. In fact, many of them are newly sober hustlers exploiting their own sobriety to take advantage of vulnerable families.

Make no mistake! If they will not put answers to these 10 simple questions in writing you're being scammed!

Unscrupulous providers plague the industry and take advantage of vulnerable families by describing their services in 'emotional ways' using references to 'spirituality' and other innocuous terms. These unethical companies know that they can lure vulnerable families into contracts with them by talking about the following while avoiding answering straight forward and direct questions. Some of the tactics they use are listed here.

7 SIMPLE TELLS YOU'RE BEING SCAMMED

- Telling families dramatic stories of their own personal recovery and how that qualifies them.
- Talking about how connected they are to the 12 step and recovery community.
- They will not answer questions about 'how long they have been sober'.
- They say that they focus on ethereal ideals like emotional connection, mind body & spirit and describe 'holistic' ambiguous approaches. They do this because there is simply no way to quantify those claims!
- Staff training and coaching "certificates" have no educational institution or governing body to oversee them and no oath that they take to serve their clientele honestly with no consequences for unethical behavior.
- They do not require advanced education, training, testing, credentials and licensing of their staff.
- "Case Management" is conducted in a coffee shop or on site within earshot of other clients, violating confidentiality.

10 SIMPLE QUESTIONS TO HAVE THEM PUT IN WRITING

- 1** How long have you been in business and how long has your company been in operation?
- 2** How many licensed and credentialed staff members?
- 3** Do you have men and women living together?
- 4** How long have owners and staff personally been sober? Most rehabs will not employ someone with less than 5-10 years of sobriety.
- 5** Have you ever had staff relapse while working for the company?
- 6** Have you ever had to call emergency services for a client?
- 7** What makes you and your staff 'experts' in providing recovery services?
- 8** Why are you able to discount services?
- 9** Are you zoned and permitted and insured to provide services at your location?
- 10** Do you have stand alone offices to meet with clients and families privately?

Recovery can be life and death, especially in the first year. How will the company that your loved one lives with be held accountable to a standard of care? Companies that put measures in place to hold themselves to the highest standard are the the safest place for your loved one.