

Family Resource Packet

The Farley Center at Williamsburg Place

5477 Mooretown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188



The Farley Family Workshop

The Farley Center Business Offices

221 Bulifants Blvd. Unit B,
Williamsburg, VA 23188

Farley Family Group Online

12pm Eastern every Friday

Zoom Meeting

<https://summitbhc.zoom.us/j/9540354115>

Meeting ID: 954 035 4115

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From the Farley Family to Your Family:

Welcome to the Farley Family Workshop

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The Farley Family Workshop is a two-day weekend workshop for loved ones affected by substance use disorders (also called addiction or SUD). The workshop provides education on addiction, helps you identify how you have been affected by the disease, and offers a space to begin healing from those effects. We will help you to discover and explore your behaviors, attitudes, and feelings, and learn new skills and healthy responses to a new addiction recovery environment.

Addiction is a chronic brain disease that impacts everyone whose lives are touched by it. As the disease progresses, the attitudes and behaviors of the person with SUD dramatically change. Often, loved ones also experience dramatic changes in their own attitudes and behaviors due to the progression of the disease. We all need the opportunity to heal and grow as we enter addiction recovery. Research shows a 50% increase in long-term recovery rates for patients with SUD when family members attend family recovery programs, just like the one we offer. *This is why it is so important for you to participate!*

We welcome all family members and friends, ages 13 and above, of patients of the Farley Center or other Summit Behavioral Health programs in Virginia, to attend the Farley Family Workshop. There is no additional cost for 2 loved ones to participate, as the cost is included as a part of the patient's treatment.

We want you to have a meaningful experience. Some guideposts for your time at the workshop include:



Understand the neurobiology of addiction

Learn to recognize the symptoms of addiction and understand that the disease is chronic, progressive, and often fatal when left untreated.



Embrace self-acceptance

Discover your feelings and needs. Recognize that much of this has been ignored to focus attention on the person with addiction.

Breakthrough the denial Accept that addiction

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affects the entire family, and you have the chance to grow your awareness of behaviors and attitudes. Learn the difference between supporting recovery vs. enabling the disease.

Commit to a family recovery plan Get



involved by attending the weekly family group online or going to your own 12 step meetings or other support groups. Try out therapy for additional support. Find your own healing as a part of this work. Develop your own recovery plan.

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Farley Family Workshop Schedule

2025

February 22 - 23

https://2025_Feb22_FFW.eventbrite.com

March

https://FarleyFamily3_22_23.eventbrite.com

April

https://FarleyFamilyApril26_27.eventbrite.com

May

https://FarleyFamilyMay24_25.eventbrite.com

June

<https://FarleyFamilyJune.eventbrite.com>

July

<https://FarleyFamilyJuly.eventbrite.com>

August

<https://FarleyFamilyAugust.eventbrite.com>

September

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<https://FarleyFamilySept.eventbrite.com>

October

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November

<https://FarleyFamilyNovember.eventbrite.com>

December

<https://FarleyFamilyDecember.eventbrite.com>

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Agenda

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Saturday

8:30-9:00am Registration

9:00-10:00am Introduction

Understanding Group Dynamics & Expectations
Sharing

10:15 Break

10:30am Neurobiology of Addiction 12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm-2:00pm Codependency & Trauma 2:15pm Break

2:30pm Boundaries, Enabling, and Helping 3:00pm Communication

3:30pm Break

3:45pm Family Recovery & Planning 4:45pm Review & Assignment Work

Sunday

8:30am-9:00am Check-In

9:30am-10:45am Communication Exercises Break-Out Groups 10:45am-11:00am Break

11:00am Boundaries Sharing Break-Out Groups 11:30pm Large Group Share Out

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-2:00pm Recovery Plan Sharing Break Outs 2:00-2:30pm Review, Takeaways, &

Share Out 2:30-3:00pm Closing

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Resources

Greatest Tragedy

Family Recovery Book List

By David Sheff

Codependent No More: How to Stop Controlling

Others and Start Caring for Yourself

By Melody Beattie

Codependence and the Power of Detachment: How to

set boundaries and make your life your own Karen

Casey

Codependents Anonymous

CoDA, Third Edition, Co-Dependents Anonymous

Courage to Change

Al-Anon

Facing Codependence

Pia Mellody

Freedom from Toxic Relationships

By Avril Carruthers

How Al-Anon Works: for Families & Friends of

Alcoholics

Al-Anon Family Programs

We have compiled a book list to provide you with some resources and support.

Addict In the Family Revised: Stories of Loss, Hope, and Recovery

By Beverly Conyers

Adult Children of Alcoholics

By Janet Geringer Woititz

Beyond Addiction: How Science and Kindness Help

People Change

By Jeffrey Foote, Carrie Wilkens, and Nicole Kosanke, with Stephanie Higgs

Blueprint for Progress

By AL-Anon Family Groups

Children of the Self-Absorbed: A Grown-Up's Guide to

Getting Over Narcissistic Parents

by Nina W Brown

Clean: Overcoming Addiction and Ending America's

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We Find by Embracing Them

David Richo

The Science of Addiction, 2nd Edition

By Carlton K. Erickson

Touchstones: A Book of Daily Meditations for Men

By Anonymous, Hazelden Publishing

Leave No One Behind: Daily Meditations for Military

Service Members and Veterans in Recovery By

Anonymous, Hazelden Publishing

Recovery 2.0

Tommy Rosen

Sane: Mental illness, addiction and the 12

steps Marya Hornbacher

The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in

the Healing of Trauma

Bessel Van Der Kolk

The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think

You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are

by Brené Brown

The Feeling Good Handbook

By David Burns

The Five Things We Cannot Change...and the Happiness



**Toxic Parents: Overwhelming Their Hurtful Legacy and
Reclaiming Your Life**

By Susan Forward

**Unwelcome Inheritance: Break Your Family's Cycle of
Addictive Behaviors**

By Lisa Sue Woititz, Janet Woititz, Ed.D.

When Things Fall Apart

By Pema Chadron

**Resources for More
Support**

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RECOVERY GROUPS

12-Steps

Adults

- Al-Anon <https://al-anon.org>
- ACA: Adult Children of Alcoholics <https://adultchildren.org>
- Alcoholics Anonymous <https://aa.org>
- Families Anonymous <https://www.familiesanonymous.org>

Adolescents

- Al-Ateen <https://al-anon.org/al-anon>

[meetings/find-an-alateen-meeting/](#)

- ACA Teen <https://adultchildren.org/resources/aca/teen/>
- Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p4_youngpeopleandaa.pdf

NAMI: NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

- For free family support groups in your area
- <https://nami.org/Home>

OTHER

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Children's Book List

Preschool to Second Grade – Ages 4-

8 Up and Down the Mountain: Helping Children Cope with Parental Alcoholism

Many times, children living with a parent addicted to drugs or alcohol blame themselves for the problems that exist in their home. They feel that somehow, they are the cause of all the misery and unhappiness. Author Pamela Leib Higgins shows that the problems in the household are not their fault and provides hope for a positive outcome.

I Wish Daddy Didn't Drink So Much

In her book, Judith Vigna tells the story of a young girl who learns, with the help of her mother and an older friend, to cope with her father's drinking. The



book shares the girl's disappointments, frustrations, and feelings while emphasizing that the problem is not the girl's fault.

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- Celebrate Recovery <https://www.celebraterecovery.com>
 - Christian Based 12 step group
- Life Ring <https://lifering.org>
 - Secular based recovery groups
- Smart Recovery <https://www.smartrecovery.org>

FOR CHILDREN

- Hazelden Betty Ford Children's Program
- <https://www.hazeldenbettyford.org/treatment/family-children/childrens-program>
- Offer a sliding scale 4-day program for children of people with addiction.
- They currently have a virtual program as well.

THERAPY

Look for the following credentials depending on your needs.

- Individual therapy: LSATP, CSAC, MAC, LCSW, LPC
- Couples: LMFT, LSATP, MAC, MSW, PsyD
- Family: LMFT, LSATP, MAC, MSW, PsyD
- Children: PsyD, MSW, LP, LPC, LCSW

Think of the Wind

Written from the perspective of a young boy, Catherine Mercury compares living with a parent with a substance addiction to the wind. The child doesn't know how to explain the wind, but he knows it's there, and the same holds true about the parent. The book helps children understand that they are not alone in a way that is not judgmental.

"My Dad Loves Me, My Dad Has a Disease" A Child's View of Living with Addiction

Claudia Black wrote this book from the standpoint that addiction is a disease and that although a person suffering from addiction may do bad things, the person is not bad. This book helps the child work through their feelings of frustration, loneliness, and fear.

A Terrible Thing Happened: A Story for Children That Have Witnessed Violence or Trauma When a child suffers from a traumatic event, whether it is from addiction in the home or another cause, they are often unable or unwilling to talk about it. Author Margaret M. Holmes tells the story of Sherman Smith, who saw a terrible thing happen. Throughout the book the actual event is never disclosed, leaving it open for the reader to relate Sherman's experience to their own personal traumatic event.

When a Family is in Trouble: Children Can Cope with Grief from Drug and Alcohol Addiction Written in a simple style that a young child can understand, Marge Heegaard provides answers to the basic questions a child has about substance addiction. Healthy coping skills are encouraged.

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experiences. It is an excellent resource to begin a conversation on the topic between an adult and a child.

Mommy's Disease: Helping Children Understand Alcoholism

Carolyn Hannan Bell tells the story of a little girl who thought she was responsible for her mother's strange actions. Her father explains that her mother has a disease called alcoholism. He helps her understand the addiction and fosters a feeling of peace, so she can have a healthy childhood.

Wishes and Worries: Coping with a Parent Who Drinks Too Much Alcohol

Written by professionals at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, this book tells the story of a father who drinks too much and how much his family wishes he would stop. It explores all the feelings and emotions the family

Daddy Doesn't Have to Be a Giant Anymore

Narrated by a little girl, Jane Resh Thomas tells the story of a father that was happy and light-hearted when he wasn't drinking and turns into a very scary different person after drinking whiskey while hiding in the garage. The little girl explains how they helped her father get treatment after a family intervention.

Grades 3 to 7 – Ages 8-13

Emmy's Question

Written by Jeannine Auth, this book tells the story of a young girl who just wants to live a normal life. Instead, she lives with her alcoholic mother and tries to hide her mother's drinking from everyone. Emmy uses her diary to tell of her loneliness and disclose her hurt and true feelings.

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An Elephant in the Living Room the Children's Book



This book by Jill M. Hastings and Marion H. Typpo helps children understand the problem of drug or alcohol addiction. It helps them learn how to cope with their feelings and problems that arise when a parent or sibling has a substance use disorder.

Fresh Fables: The Dragon Who Lives at Our House – A Story of What It Feels Like to Lose Control Of our Life

Elaine Mitchell Palmore tells the story of Al the Dragon. Al was very welcome at all family functions, but soon Dad became too fond of Al and became consumed by him. Dad went for treatment and Al the Dragon became smaller and the family had hope again. This child-friendly book easily explains the devastation that can be caused by drug or alcohol addiction.

This book explains how quickly things can spiral out of control, while showing that it is alright to tell someone and get help.

I Can Talk About What Hurts: A Book for Kids in Homes Where There's Chemical Dependency

Written by Janet Sinberg and Dennis Daley, this book explores the interactions, feelings, and emotions of children and teenagers living in a home where a parent or other family member has a substance abuse addiction. They learn it is okay to seek help and talk about their feelings, fears,

Waiting for Normal

Leslie Connor tells the story of a 12-year-old girl who struggles with living with her neglectful mother and her problems. It is a story of resilience and perseverance as the child finds hope in the people around her.

Different Like Me: A Book for Teens Who Worry About Their Parent's Use of Alcohol/Drugs

In this book, Evelyn Lelite and Pamela Espeland explain drug and alcohol addiction and what happens to people who become addicted. It includes advice for children of alcohol or drug dependent parents regarding how to handle certain situations when they arise. The book also clears up misconceptions about drugs and drug use.

Easter Ann Peters' Operation Cool

Jodie Lamb tells the story of a 7th-grade girl who is finally becoming a "cool" kid. But at the same time, her mother's drinking is out of control and the girl does everything she can to hide her mother's drinking from the residents of their small town.

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and worries.

Understanding Addiction and Recovery Through a Child's Eyes: Hope, Help, and Healing for Families

Put together by Jerry Moe, this book is a collection of anecdotes and stories of teens and children living with a loved one's addiction. He shows how using various techniques and tools can help with the healing process. These are simple coping skills Mr. Moe has used during his career as an addiction professional.

Tall Tales

Karen Day tells the story of Meg, a young girl whose family has been forced to move many times because of her father's alcoholism. Meg finally finds a real friend but finds herself lying to her to

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cover up her father's addiction. The book relays the power of telling the truth, which leads to getting help for her father and the rest of the family.

Books for Teenagers – (ages 14-19)

For Teenagers Living with a Parent Who Abuses Alcohol/Drugs

This is a non-fiction book by Edith Lynn Hornik-Beer that answers the many questions asked by teenagers about drug and alcohol addiction. Originally published in 1974, parts of the book may seem somewhat outdated. However, it does give



straightforward answers to the timeless questions about addiction.

Alateen: Hope for Children of Alcoholics This book from Al-Anon Family Groups Headquarters contains many personal and powerful stories from teens. They tell of their feelings and experiences of having a parent addicted to drugs or alcohol. The book also serves as a great introduction to the help offered by Alateen and Al-Anon meetings.

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the following suggested Steps:

1. We admitted we were powerless over drugs and other people's lives—that our lives had become unmanageable.

2. Came to believe that a Power greater

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FAMILIES ANONYMOUS™ TWELVE STEPS

We have found that our success in this program is determined by how well we accept and apply

than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.

4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.



8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them

all.

9. Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.