

Preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

DISTRICT 01 OF AREA 74 CORRECTIONS BRIDGING THE GAP TEMPORARY CONTACT PROGRAM



Bridging the gap is a program that links AA members inside the jail and prisons, to members on the outside.

Introduction

Past experience has shown that attending an A.A. meeting on the outside on the day of release from prison or jail is one of the most effective tools for an inmate to make a sober transition and maintain continued sobriety in the free world. It is strongly recommended that an inmate who is an A.A. member have an A.A. contact on the outside who contacts the inmate and arranges to meet him or her on the day of release to help in "Bridging the Gap" between the institution and A.A. on the outside.

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Dear AA Members (Inside--Inmates),

This program is not to match you with a sponsor

AA in this area has a transition program called Bridging the Gap. This means that you can sign up to be matched to an AA member on the outside, in your home community upon release. This AA Bridging the Gap Volunteer will take you to some meetings, introduce, and help you get acquainted and comfortable among new friends in AA.

During this time you will learn about sponsors, home groups, working the steps, and service. Your Bridging the Gap Volunteer is only temporary. They will not provide you with housing, food, clothing, jobs, money, or other such services. You will undoubtedly hear the five basic suggestions for sobriety the fellowship shares with all members, which include: Don't Drink, Go To Meetings, Read The Big Book, Call Your Sponsor, and Work The Steps. Many of us have been where you are and know that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and its Fellowship can do for you.

Please complete the attached "Inside Members Form" located at the right of this page. Keep the balance of this sheet for future reference. If possible send the form between one and six months of your release date. The more time you give us the better. If you have more than six months left to do on your sentence, and interested in a pen pal you can write to Correctional Facilities Desk General Service Office Box 459, New York New York 10163.

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Temporary Contact Program inside Members Form (Inmates)

Please Print (This information is only shared with outside volunteer)

NAME OF FACILITY: _____

NAME AND DOC#: _____

ADDRESS OF FACILITY: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP OF FACILITY: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP UPON RELEASE: _____

AGE: _____ SEX: _____

APPROXIMATE DISCHARGE DATE: _____

Phone # _____

Send Form to Bridging the Gap
1270 Main Street, Suite102
Green Bay, WI 54302-1791