

Bridging The Gap

Volunteer Guidelines

Part of Bridging The Gap between a treatment program and A.A. is The temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make the transition into AA. One of the most 'slippery' places in the journey of sobriety is between the door of the treatment facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting.

As a BTG volunteer, you can introduce the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to newcomers. When you sign up as a temporary contact, your name is placed on the Bridge the Gap volunteer list, along with the information you provide. When someone in treatment requests a BTG contact, a BTG committee member matches that person's name with a temporary contact volunteer.

If you agree to become a temporary contact, please take some time to become familiar with the BTG guidelines on the other side of this page.

The following pamphlets may be helpful to you:

- Bridging the Gap—GSO Pamphlet P-49
- AA at a Glance -F-1
- Information on AA— F-2
- Primary Purpose Card— F-17

If you are interested in volunteering as a Bridge The Gap Temporary Contact, please fill out the information on the bottom of this flyer, tear it off and give it to your group's Central Office Representative, or mail it to the Denver Central Office.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. We are not affiliated with any treatment programs, and have no opinion on outside issues.

Detach here and mail, email or drop off at Central Office: Please keep the rest for your reference.

First Name: _____ Last Name (optional): _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Sobriety Date: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone (optional) _____

Check one: Treatment, Corrections Both

Volunteer's Commitment:

As a volunteer member of the Bridge the Gap program, your commitment consists of introducing your new contact to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous in his or her community. Treatment facility clients who have signed up to have a temporary contact will be expecting you to:

Make arrangements with your contact before they leave treatment. If this is not possible, contact them within 24 hours of their release.

Familiarize the contact with AA meeting formats and explain what the newcomer can expect at his/her first meeting.

Attend 3-6 meetings with your contact and introduce the newcomer to other sober members of AA.

Explain 'sponsorship', and possibly provide the pamphlet, 'Questions and Answers on Sponsorship'.

Explain the value of having a home group to your contact.

Help the newcomer become familiar with AA literature.

Explain that the book Alcoholics Anonymous is our basic text.

Please Do Not:

Provide any form of financial support.

Become a source of transportation.

Provide any sort of social or counseling service.

Debate or offer opinions outside the scope of your experience with the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Provide medical or psychiatric services.

Offer religious services.

Sponsor the newcomer.

Helpful Info:

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