

Bridging the Gap

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 the facility make that transition from "inside" the program to life on the "outside". As you may know, one of the more "slippery" places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of the facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. Some of us can tell you that, even though we heard of A.A. in treatment or in prison, we were too fearful to go. A.A. experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical. In order to bridge the gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous. (see also:AAWS Pamphlet: http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-49_BridgingTheGap.pdf)([Read the Entire BTG Pamphlet](#))

If you, or someone you are working with, are being released from an Alcoholism program in a correctional or treatment facility and want to attend Alcoholics Anonymous after your release, the Temporary Contact Program of AA can match you with a volunteer AA member to get you to your first meetings and help you become acquainted with AA in your release area
To Volunteer or Request a "Bridge" contact our BTG coordinator confidentially either by phone (828)581-9022, or Email: bridgingthegap.asheville@gmail.com.

How it Works: A member of A.A. signs up to be a volunteer with the BTG Coordinator. A client who is nearing discharge from a treatment facility contacts the BTG coordinator. The BTG coordinator calls volunteers, checking for their availability. The BTG coordinator gives the volunteer the client's contact information. The volunteer makes contact with the client before, if possible, the client leaves the treatment facility. If unable to so, the contact and meeting should occur within the first 24 hours following discharge.

If you would like to help: If you would like to help in this very important Twelfth Step work and have at least one year of continuous sobriety in the A.A. program, please contact your Group Service Representative, or your District Committee Member, or your Area Treatment, Corrections, Hospital and Institutions, Bridging the Gap Committee Chairperson or your local Central Office Bridging the Gap(BTG) in District 70.