Bridging the Gap Fact Sheet

We are looking for AA members who are willing to be a *Bridging the Gap* Temporary Contact..

# What is a Temporary Contact?

* A TEMPORARY CONTACT is an AA member in the Bridging the Gap Program who helps a newcomer make the successful transition from a treatment or correctional facility into AA.
* A TEMPORARY CONTACT is not committed to help with every case; he or she simply assists when he or she can.
* This is basic 12th Step work, and the initial contact is like a 12th Step call.
* Being a TEMPORARY CONTACT is not the same type or level of commitment as being a sponsor. It is simply helping a newcomer to get started in AA.
* A TEMPORARY CONTACT does not provide lodging, money, or other social services.

# What is a Temporary Contact expected to do?

* Meet or make contact with the newcomer before or soon after the newcomer leaves the facility.
* To avoid any misunderstandings, explain clearly that this is a *temporary* arrangement.
* Try to do the things outlined in the AA pamphlet; Bridging the Gap.
* Take the newcomer to a meeting and introduce him or her to other AA members.
* Explain group membership and the value of having a home group.
* Explain sponsorship to the newcomer, referring to the pamphlet; Questions and Answers about Sponsorship and perhaps help the newcomer find a sponsor.
* Review the many different meeting formats – open, closed, speakers, etc.
* Ensure the newcomer knows how to obtain a listing of meetings or provide a list to him or her.
* Introduce the newcomer to AA conference-approved literature and the AA *Grapevine*.

# How to become a TEMPORARY CONTACT:

# Speak to your Intergroup rep or DCM, or if you want more information feel free to email [treatment@marylndaa.org](mailto:treatment@marylndaa.org).

# Additional information:

Bridging the Gap- AA Pamphlet P-49

Questions and Answers about Sponsorship - AA Pamphlet P-15 This is AA- AA Pamphlet P-1

Is AA for you - AA Pamphlet – P-3

The AA Member – Medications & Other Drugs - AA Pamphlet P-11 A Newcomer Asks - AA Pamphlet P-24

A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous - AA Pamphlet P-42 Twelve Steps Illustrated - AA Pamphlet P-55

The AA Group “Where it all Begins” - AA Pamphlet P-16 Information on Alcoholics Anonymous – AA Form F-2 Problems other Than Alcohol - AA Pamphlet P-35 & F-8 Understanding Anonymity - AA Pamphlet P-16

AA in Treatment Facilities - AA Pamphlet P-27 Hope Alcoholics Anonymous – DV09