

# Bridging the Gap Fact Sheet

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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 12<sup>th</sup> Step work, and the initial contact is like a 12<sup>th</sup> 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

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