

Responsibility Statement

I am responsible...
When anyone,
anywhere reaches
out for help, I want
the hand of A.A.
always to be there.
And for that:
I am responsible.

Suggested Reading

“Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities”

“Where Do I Go from Here?”

A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate

“A.A. in Correctional Facilities”

“It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell”

“Memo to an Inmate Who May be an Alcoholic”

“A Message to Corrections Administrators”

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Suggestions for the Outside A.A. Contact

1. Contact the inside A.A. member by letter within two weeks of being matched and remain in touch with them as their release date approaches.
2. Try to take the former inmate to an A.A. meeting within 24 to 48 hours of their release.
3. It is suggested that the first meeting be viewed as a regular Twelfth Step call and that you take another A.A. member with you.
4. Share your experience, strength and hope with the newly released A.A., just as you would with any other person new to A.A. in your community.
5. Make sure the newly released A.A. receives meeting schedules, phone numbers, and A.A. literature.
6. Encourage the newly released A.A. to attend meeting as often as possible, to find a home group and, most important, to get a sponsor as soon as possible. Let them know that even a temporary sponsor who has time for them now would be acceptable.
7. Your job is finished after a sponsor has been found, or when you and the new A.A. member feel that they are secure enough for you to move on.

Mailing address

Corrections Committee
Greater Minneapolis Intergroup
7204 West 27th Street, Suite 113
St. Louis Park, MN 55426-3112

Fax requests to

612.605.0164

For A.A. meeting information

call toll free 866.922.0880
www.aaminneapolis.org
www.aameetinglocator.org

For A.A.'s on the **Outside**

Alcoholics Anonymous®

Corrections Contact Program

Connecting
inside A.A. members
to the outside
A.A. community

A 12 step service sponsored by
Southern Minnesota Area 36 Assembly
of Alcoholics Anonymous

Corrections Committee

Email: cfcf@area36.org

Dear A.A. Member,

The A.A. Corrections Contact Program connects the A.A. member being released from a correctional facility with Alcoholics Anonymous in their home community.

When the soon-to-be-released A.A. member writes us, we match that person to an A.A. contact in their community.

Many A.A.s involved in this service stress the importance of getting the former inmate to a meeting as soon as possible, usually within the first 48 hours after release.

During this time, you help them get acquainted, get phone numbers, locate a sponsor and a home group, and become connected to the local A.A. community. You introduce the newly released inmate to others in A.A. so they have a broad, healthy base.

If you are willing to be the hand of A.A. when an inmate reaches out for help, complete the attached Corrections Contact Form and send it to the address at the bottom of the form.

A.A. Corrections Contact Program Procedures

1. Inside A.A. members (those in correctional facilities) are eligible for this program if they have three to 12 months left to serve on their sentence.
2. The inmate fills out the form and sends it to the Corrections Committee, which is responsible for processing and coordinating all contacts.
3. The outside A.A. Contact writes to the inside A.A. member within two weeks. You may, if you wish, use the Minneapolis Intergroup office for receiving mail rather than your home address.
4. The inside A.A. provides information such as their release date, arrival time in the local area, and an address and phone number. The inside A.A. member and the outside Contact set up a meeting at the time of the inmate's release.
5. You and the newly released A.A. will meet at an agreed upon time and place to attend a meeting in the local community. Encourage the new A.A. member to attend as many meetings as possible for the first few weeks. The goal is for him/her to find both a home group and a sponsor.
6. You and the newly released A.A. will decide together when the time has come for you to move on to someone new.

A.A. Corrections Contact Form for A.A.'s on the **Outside**

Please print clearly

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Phone Number (Day) _____

Phone Number (Evening) _____

Email _____

Male Female

Birth Year _____

Sobriety Date _____

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