

Responsibility Statement

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

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OUTSIDE CONTACT

- Communicate with your Inside AA by letter as soon as possible and remain in touch with them as their release date approaches. Some inside AAs are able to send and receive email and have video visits. You can discuss those options with your Inside AA.
- Share experience, strength, and hope.
- Attend a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous with your Inside AA within 24 to 48 hours after their release.
- Provide your newly released AA with online and printed meeting resources and a phone number where they can reach an AA member 24 hours a day (if available in your location). Provide them with intergroup numbers (if available in your location).
- Encourage your newly released AA to attend a variety of meetings as often as possible for the first few weeks after their release.
- Help your newly released AA choose a home group and sponsor or temporary sponsor.
- You will both decide when the time has come for you to move on to help another Inside alcoholic; it is usually when your recently released AA is comfortable in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, has decided on a home group, and has a sponsor or temporary sponsor.

Send forms or inquiries to the address on the Volunteer form attached to this brochure.

FOR THE AA AREA 35 MEMBER ON THE OUTSIDE

CORRECTIONS TEMPORARY CONTACT PROGRAM (CTCP)

CONNECTING INSIDE ALCOHOLICS WITH OUTSIDE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A Twelve Step Service of the
Area 35 Corrections Committee

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TO THE OUTSIDE CONTACT

The Corrections Temporary Contact Program (CTCP) connects alcoholics in corrections facilities (Inside AAs), with Outside Alcoholics Anonymous in the community of their release.

We stress the importance of attending a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous with your newly released aa within the first 24 to 48 hours after their release. You are there to introduce them to members of the fellowship, provide them with meeting resources, and help them choose a home group and sponsor or temporary sponsor.

SUGGESTED READING AND VIDEO

The following pamphlets are available from the General Service Office (www.aa.org), intergroup offices, group literature racks, or from your Area or District Literature Committee.

- *Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities*
- *It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell*
- *Message to Corrections Professionals*
- *For the inmate Who May be an Alcoholic*

The video, A New Freedom, is available for streaming at www.aa.org. It can also be purchased from the AAWS Online Store (www.aa.org), intergroup offices, or your Area's Literature Committee.

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CORRECTIONS CONTACT GUIDELINES

INSIDE A.A. members are eligible for this program if they are within two to twelve months of their release date.

If you are willing to participate in this vital Twelfth Step service, complete the attached for and mail, or email it to the address at the bottom of the form. When an Inside AA is being released to your community, we will ask if you are willing to serve as their Outside Contact.

If you wish to serve as a Corrections Contact, we ask that you have at least one-Year continuous sobriety. We encourage you to have a sponsor.

YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING FACILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- You cannot be taking meetings into a Federal or State Corrections Facility, if your Inside AA is in a Federal or State Corrections Facility, respectively.
- You cannot be on a visitor list or be a family member or acquaintance of anyone in a Federal or State Facility, if your Inside AA is in a Federal or State facility, respectively.
- You cannot be corresponding with anyone in a federal or State facility, if your Inside AA is in a Federal or State facility, respectively. You can only correspond with one person in each facility type at a time.
- You must be off parole, probation, or supervision for two years if your Inside AA is in a Federal or State facility. County facilities have their own requirements that vary by county.

CORRECTIONS TEMPORARY CONTACT

VOLUNTEER FORM

Please print legibly.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Male Female

Year of Birth _____

Sobriety Date _____

Languages Spoken/ASL _____

Mail or Email Form to:

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