

WHAT AA DOES:

Helps people with a desire to stop drinking to find a solution to their problem.

WHAT AA DOES NOT DO:

- × **Furnish initial motivation for alcoholics to recover.**
- × **Solicit members.**
- × **Engage in or sponsor research.**
- × **Join councils or social agencies.**
- × **Follow up or try to control it's members.**
- × **Make medical or psychological diagnosis or prognosis.**
- × **Provide drying out or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment.**
- × **Offer religious services.**
- × **Engage in education about alcohol.**
- × **Provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money, or any other welfare or social services.**
- × **Provide domestic or vocational counseling.**
- × **Accept money for it's services, or any contributions from non-AA sources.**

Individual members may be involved in some of these activities on a personal basis, but not as a part of their membership in AA

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A Temporary Contact Program

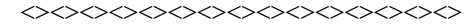
Bridging the Gap (BTG) is designed to help a problem drinker in a Correctional Facility make the transition from the institution to AA.

The most slippery area in your journey to sobriety is between the facility and the AA group or meeting in your home area. Many of us can tell you that even though we were aware of AA while we were incarcerated, we were too shy, reluctant or fearful to attend a meeting alone.

We would like to help you make the transition through this most critical time in your recovery. A temporary contact can help you do that.

A temporary contact is a member of AA who works with alcoholics. The sole purpose of Bridging The Gap is to help you become acquainted with AA in your neighborhood. It is a short term arrangement.

The contact will write you at the Correctional Facility prior to your discharge to make the initial contact. They will assist you in getting you to the meetings nearest your home, ideally within the first 24 hours after your discharge, introduce you to sober friends who can help you get settled into Alcoholics Anonymous.

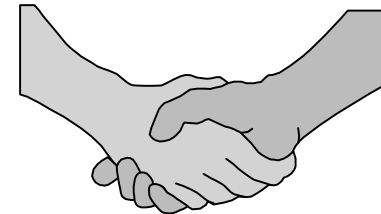


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**South Dakota Area 63
Correctional Facilities Committee
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