

## **The A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Program**

Hi everyone, my name is Joby, I'm an alcoholic, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous currently serving as Correction Facility Coordinator for Area 60 which is Western Pennsylvania and also as a Correction Facility Representative for District 32; which is the Delegated vicinity of West-Erie County in Area 60 of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I'd like to take this opportunity to explain the new program called, **The A.A. Prerelease Contact Program**, formerly known as "Bridging the Gap".

**The A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Program** connects the A.A. member being released from prison with Alcoholics Anonymous in their community.

When a soon to be released A.A. inmate writes General Service Office New York or directly to us through a *prerelease contact program form* we have developed, we in turn, send a letter of recognition to the 'inside' member, letting him or her know we have received their request and will further open communications with an 'outside' member in their home town community. It is not intended that you become their sponsor, even temporarily. In fact it is best if the word 'sponsor' is not used in any way to describe this service.

"Prerelease Contacts" are simply connections to the A.A. community.

At this time, once we receive the 'inside' members release date, and hometown information, we then match it to one of the District Committee Members [DCM's] listed with Area 60. Ours hopes, and ultimately the success of this new program right now, rely on our District Committee Members to explain to General Service Reps [GSR's] and interested members of this form of service; contacting the 'inside' A.A. member by letter within two weeks of being matched, and remain in touch with them as their release date approaches.

If you are willing to be the hand of A.A., 'one alcoholic helping another alcoholic', when an inmate reaches out for help, from the 'inside' to the 'outside', please contact us at the address listed below, or ask your District Committee Member for more information.

Yours in Service and in Fellowship;

We send our warmest regards,

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