

Bridging the Gap Planning Meeting

Basic Information

Part of Bridging the Gap between a treatment program and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition.

A.A. experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical. In order to bridge the gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is suggested that the temporary contact take the newcomer to a variety of A.A. meetings; introduce him or her to other A.A.s; insure that he or she has the phone numbers of several A.A. members, and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.

Become a Temporary Contact

What is a Temporary Contact?

A Temporary Contact is an A.A. member in the Bridging The Gap Program who helps a newcomer make the successful transition from a treatment facility into A.A.

A Temporary Contact is not committed to help with every case; he or she simply assists when he or she can. This is basic 12th Step work, and the initial contact is like a 12th 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 A.A.

A Temporary Contact does not provide lodging, money, or other social services.

What is a Temporary Contact Expected to Do?

If possible, meet or make contact with the newcomer before the newcomer leaves the facility.

To avoid any misunderstandings, explain clearly that this is a temporary arrangement.