

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION-BTG
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APPLICANT INFORMATION SEND TO: AREA 10 CORRECTIONS/BTG P.O. BOX 40368 DENVER, CO 80204			
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BRIDGE VOLUNTEER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Contact inside AA member by letter within **two weeks** of being matched. Remain in communication with inside AA member until release.
2. Arrange to meet former offender at an AA meeting within **24-hours** of release.
3. It is suggested that the first meeting be viewed as a regular twelve step call and that you take another person with you. Use the same guidelines you would with any newcomer, even though they may have been attending AA meetings inside.
4. Review the Bridge Program with the former offender so that there are no misconceptions as to what this program does or does not do.
5. Remind them as often as necessary that you are but a temporary bridge to their new AA community.
6. Remember that your job is finished after six meetings, or if a permanent sponsor has been found sooner. Do your best to encourage that relationship.
7. Make sure they receive schedules, phone numbers, literature and their own Big Book.
8. Encourage them to attend meeting as often as possible, find a home group and most importantly; encourage them to get a sponsor as soon as possible. Even a temporary sponsor who has time for them NOW would be acceptable.
9. Share your experience, strength a hope with them as you would with any other member new to AA in your community.
10. Upon completion, inform the Bridge Coordinator as to the results of your "bridge." Let us know what works and what doesn't.
11. Most importantly, keep in touch with your sponsor, your Higher Power and maintain your own AA program.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS "DON'T LIST"

- ✓ DON'T forget the urgency of the former offenders first meeting
- ✓ DON'T become responsible for the member's attitude or action in or out of the meetings!
- ✓ DON'T carry the Alcoholic as in, do not:
 - Loan money or anything of value
 - Become a personal taxi service for the miscellaneous errands
 - Forget that our primary purpose is to carry the AA message.
 - Become responsible for housing or employment.
- ✓ DON'T allow an emotional or romantic relationship to develop between you.
- ✓ DON'T exceed a maximum of six meetings
- ✓ DON'T act in any reporting or communication capacity regarding the AA member and the justice system. Tradition Twelve is vital!
- ✓ DON'T forget yourself or your own personal program of recovery while giving time and energy to others.

SUGGESTED READING

- ✓ Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities
- ✓ Where Do I Go from Here?
- ✓ AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate
- ✓ AA in Correctional Facilities, It Sure Beats Sitting in A Cell
- ✓ Memo to An Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic
- ✓ DO share our experience on how to stay away from the first drink – one day at a time, utilizing the Twelve Stop program of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- ✓ *If the volunteer has a record with the state of Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) or a DOC volunteer clearance, Area 10 BTG chair will inform DOC Faith and Citizen Program of the Bridge Volunteer, offender participants as standard procedure on all "bridges".*