

LETTER TO THE INMATE

Dear Inmate AA Member,

AA in this Area has two Programs available for you depending on when you will be released. If you have more than 3 months time left, we offer the Corrections Correspondence Program, if you have less time, we offer the Bridging The Gap Program.

The Corrections Correspondence Program allows you to write to an AA member on the outside and they will write to you. This allows you to have a member of the fellowship to "talk" with while you are in a correctional facility, to help you with your program of recovery.

The Bridging The Gap Program is offered to you to help you make the transition back into the outside. This means that you can sign up to be matched with an AA member on the outside in your home community upon release. This AA member will take you to meetings, and introduce you around to help you get acquainted and become comfortable among your new friends in A.A. During this time you learn about sponsors, home groups, working the steps, and service. Your BTG Volunteer is temporary (maximum of six meetings or visits is suggested), and will not follow up or try to control you. Nor will they provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money or other such services.

Past experience has shown that attending an A.A. meeting on the outside as soon after release as possible (in the first 24 hours) is one of the most effective tools in making a sober transition into the free world. Many of us have been where you are and know what the program of A.A. and its fellowship can do for you and countless others.

If you are within three months of release and wish to participate in the Bridging The Gap Program, please complete the attached "Inmate Application." Mail it to the address below. When the committee receives it they will contact a BTG Volunteer who will in turn contact you to arrange to meet with you on the day of release. If you do not receive a letter from this volunteer within three weeks, please contact us, and we will have someone get in contact with you.

I am interested in the AA Corrections Correspondence Program. I would like to correspond with an AA member on the outside.

Date: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Release Date: _____
Name: _____ DOC Number: _____
DOC Facility: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mail to: Corrections Facilities Desk, P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163

I am interested in having someone in the AA program meet me when I am released. I understand the importance of making contact with people in the A.A. program on the day of my release and getting to a meeting.

Date: _____ Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Release Date: _____
Name: _____ DOC Number: _____
DOC Facility: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Release City: _____ Phone No.: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Signature: _____

Mail to: Area Corrections Committee, P.O. Box 4, Milford, UT 84751