

AREA 16 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES - BRIDGE THE GAP-INMATE

The Bridge the Gap Committee of Area 16 (Georgia) is made up of Alcoholics Anonymous members from across the state. The program provides inmates with a contact, prior to their release, who will help them make the transition from A.A. meetings on the inside to A.A. in the community.

We believe that the most important time in an inmate’s recovery is the first 24 to 48 hours after his or her release. It is our collective experience in A.A. that sobriety is vital to staying out of prison in the future. Regular attendance at A.A. meetings is vital to sobriety and should begin the day the inmate is released. It is no different for those of us in A.A. who has not been incarcerated.

Neither Bridge the Gap nor Alcoholics Anonymous provides housing, food, clothing, job, money or other welfare or social services. The role of the volunteer is to take the newly released inmate to an A.A. meeting on the outside. (Male contacts will be assigned to male inmates, females to females.) Our primary purpose is to stay sober, and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

HOW BRIDGE THE GAP WORKS

1. The inmate requests a Bridge the Gap application, and fills out the information form.
2. The inmate mails the application to Bridge the Gap.
3. The Bridge the Gap coordinator will make contact with an A.A. volunteer in the area where the inmate will be released, providing him or her with the inmate’s information.
4. If time allows, the volunteer will contact the inmate by mail, and provide the inmate with information on A.A. in the community where he or she will be released.
5. It is the inmate’s responsibility to notify the A.A. volunteer upon release, using the information that the volunteer has provided to the inmate.

IF YOUR RELEASE DATE HAS BEEN FIXED, AND IS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS AWAY,
Complete this form and mail it today. Please fill out the form completely.

If your post-release home will be in Georgia, send this form to:

Bridge the Gap
P.O. Box 7325
Macon, GA 31209

If your post-release home will be in a state OTHER than Georgia, send this form to:

A.A. General Services Office, Corrections Desk
P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station,
New York, NY 10163

Area 16 Bridge the Gap P.O. Box 7325 Macon, GA 31209

INMATE REQUEST FORM

Your First and Last Name: _____ Male: _____ or Female: _____

Your Inmate I.D. # _____ Expected Release Date: _____

Current Correctional Facility Address: _____

Address and/or Phone number After Release: _____
