



## Bridging the Gap Contact Request

*Or use the QR code above  
to fill out form online*

Bridging the Gap  
between the exit door of a  
treatment or correctional  
facility to the entrance door of  
A. A. in your community.

### MSC Area 9 Treatment Facilities Committee

P.O. Box 51446  
Irvine, CA 92619-1446

treatment@area9btg.org

Voicemail: 949-334-7994

## What AA Bridging the Gap DOES NOT do:

- Provide contacts for other recovery programs. Bridging the Gap has but one primary purpose: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- Provide monetary assistance to the newcomer.
- Provide meals, housing or transportation services.
- Serve as case workers or payees for government benefits.
- Report to probation, Child Protective Services, or any other mandating agency.
- Make medical diagnoses.
- Offer opinions on the newcomer's treatment program, aftercare or probation requirements.
- Offer professional counseling.
- Affiliate with councils or social agencies.
- Keep attendance records or case histories.
- Ensure the newcomer meets any mandates from the Courts or aftercare program.
- For additional information, see Area 09 BTG Volunteer Guidelines, and attend BTG workshops.

*This information is strictly **CONFIDENTIAL**. Once Temporary Contact has made communication, all information will be destroyed*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender Identity: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hometown City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caseworker Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Release/Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please cut this part out and submit to your facility directly or mail to  
MSCA9 Treatment Facilities P.O. Box 51446 Irvine CA 92619-1446  
or email to treatment@area9btg.org

## What is Bridging the Gap and What Does it Do?

The Bridging the Gap Committee is made up of AA members who are volunteering to help patients, clients and inmates optimize their transition directly and immediately upon release from the hospital, treatment or correctional facility to an AA meeting within the community where they will reside.

## How Does AA Bridging the Gap Work?

Those having past problems with alcohol and a desire not to return to drinking upon release from treatment, hospitals or correctional facilities contact the local Bridging the Gap Committee.

A member of the Bridging the Gap Committee regularly retrieves the requests.

A member of the Bridging the Gap Committee consults a confidential list of volunteers for an AA member available to take the Bridging the Gap contact request and transmits the request to that volunteer. *At no time is personal contact information given directly to the newcomer.*

The AA volunteer contacts the newcomer to make arrangements to meet with the volunteer and another AA member. The volunteers accompany the newcomer to their first meetings and introduces them to the groups, shares literature, phone lists, and gets them acquainted with AA in their home community.

Getting back into the “real world” isn’t always easy for an alcoholic. Many of us had never been sober on the outside and we admitted that the first days out were frightening. Even new members of AA usually know that they can’t make it alone.

Past experience has shown that attending AA meetings as soon as possible after release is vital to making a sober transition to life on the outside. Many of us have been right where you are now, and know that the program of AA and it’s fellowship can do for you what it has done for us and countless others.

Now we see that we can help the new people getting out. You can get in touch with us through our voicemail number, our email, our post office box, or our program website.

Bridging the Gap is alcoholics helping other alcoholics. We are part of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are not connected or affiliated with any other group or institution. The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking. The only thing we want from this work is the satisfaction of helping another alcoholics. Being alcoholic ourselves, we know that the people met in the first days out could make all the difference.

We hope that we will hear from you and trust that we will carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those reaching out for help.

Please fill out the adjacent form and return it to us approximately one to two weeks prior to your release/discharge date and a Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact will reach out to you.

***When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help, I want the  
hand of AA always to be there.  
And for that, I am responsible.***



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