Dear Temporary Contact Volunteer,

Congratulations for becoming involved in the MSCA 09 Bridging the Gap program of Alcoholics Anonymous! This is exciting and rewarding 12th step work where we really can help the alcoholic that is reaching out. Experience has shown that a large percentage of alcoholics being released from treatment or correctional facilities end up drinking within a very short time if they don't make it to that first meeting on the outside and get to know recovering alcoholics in their own community. All of us can probably remember the fear associated with making those first meetings and how convenient excuses can keep us from going at all, or ever again, unless we have that important connection with others.

The suggestions here for setting up and doing temporary contact work are basic guidelines that have been found to be successful. We hope that you find them helpful. You may discover different guidelines as you grow in effectiveness and understanding. Whatever works GREAT! Please share your experiences with the Bridging the Gap Committee. Sharing our experiences, suggestions, concerns, and questions keeps us all working together and sober in this common goal.

If all the information looks overwhelming or confusing, RELAX! We're not in a horse race and there's no perfect way to do it. If you have any questions please contact your group's Treatment Facility representative or the Chairperson of the Bridging the Gap committee.

Thank you, in love and service!

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I am responsible – when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that: I am responsible