

What is Bridging The Gap?

Part of Bridging the Gap between a treatment program and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition.

As you know, one of the more “slippery” places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of the facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. Some of us can tell you that, even though we heard of A.A. in treatment, we were too fearful to go.

A.A. experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical. In order to bridge the gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is suggested that the temporary contact take the newcomer to a variety of A.A. meetings; introduce him or her to other A.A.s; ensure that he or she has the phone numbers of several A.A. members, and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.

How To Contact Area 47 Bridging The Gap Program To Request A Temporary Contact:

1. Go to www.aacny.org
2. Go to the Committee Tab
3. Scroll down the menu for the Treatment Committee and click that tab
4. This brings you to the Treatment page
5. This page has the Form for Bridging the Gap to submit to our Area Bridging the Gap Program. It is sent to the Area Treatment email once submitted.
6. The form asks the following questions:
 - Check the box for “I’m looking for a temporary contact”
 - Name: First and Last Name
 - Sobriety date or Tentative Discharge date Address: City and Zip Code
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
7. Hit the Submit button.

We Will Contact you As Soon As Possible

Contacting Bridging The Gap Programs outside of Central New York, Area 47:
www.btgww.org

Area 47 Bridging The Gap Program

www.aacny.org



Helpful Contacts in Area 47

Area 47 Website for links to meeting lists in all Districts of Area 47
www.aacny.org

Free Meeting Guide App available on Google Play and Apple App Store

Area 47 Treatment Committee:
treatment@aacny.org

Livingston Area Intergroup (585) 245-4440
(Dansville, Geneseo Vicinity)
www.livingstonareaintergroup.org

Ithaca AA Hotline (607) 272-1541
(Ithaca and surrounding towns)
www.lthacacommunityrecovery.org

Cortland AA Hotline (607) 753-1344
(Cortland and surrounding towns)
www.aacortland-homer.org

Syracuse AA Hotline (315) 463-5011
(Syracuse and surrounding towns)
www.aasyracuse.org

Binghamton AA Hotline (607) 722-5983
(Binghamton, Endicott and Norwich Vicinity)
www.aabinghamton.org

Fingerlakes AA Hotline (315) 789-5955
(Geneva, Seneca Falls, Newark Vicinity)
www.fingerlakesaa.org

Elmira AA Hotline (607) 737-6733
(Elmira, Corning, Bath and Sayre (PA) Vicinity)
www.aaelmira.org

Rochester AA Hotline (585) 232-6720
(Rochester Vicinity) www.rochester-ny-aa.org

Watertown AA Hotline (315) 788-2280
(Watertown Vicinity) www.aajci.org

What is Alcoholics Anonymous?

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

What Is Area 47?

Area 47 is the Central New York Portion of the State of New York. New York has 4 separate Areas. The United States and Canada have 93 Total Service Areas.

