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A.A.TEMPORARY CONTACT PROGRAM - VOLUNTEER FORM

The Temporary Contact Program is a nationwide service provided by Alcoholics Anonymous, of which your Area 44 (Northern New Jersey) is a vital part, to help adult and juvenile alcoholic prison and jail inmates transition from A.A. on the inside to A.A. on the outside as smoothly as possible. It is our collective experience in A.A. that sobriety is vital to staying out of prison in the future, that regular attendance at A.A. meetings is vital to sobriety, and that regular attendance at A.A. meetings should begin the day inmates are released. Every day dozens of inmates are released to Northern New Jersey, and we desperately need A.A.s to volunteer to serve as Temporary Contacts for these fellow travelers. We suggest that volunteers have at least one year of sobriety.

If you volunteer to serve as a Temporary Contact, you will be occasionally contacted by Area 44's Temporary Contact Coordinator and assigned an exiting inmate to help (men with men, women with women). Your name, address and phone number will never be released to an inmate except by you if you choose to. We would prefer that you write the inmate prior to his or her release to establish a rapport and to work out the details of post-release contact, but you may simply call the inmate at home on his or her release date. You will be supplied all the information you need. If you are concerned about writing, try using your home group's or your own Post Office Box.

Once you've established contact with the exiting inmate, try to get the newcomer to a meeting a day for at least a week or two, introduce him to your A.A. friends, and help the newcomer get started in the Program. We can't overemphasize the importance of getting the ex-inmate to a meeting on the first day out. Please urge the newcomer to locate a permanent sponsor as soon as possible - whether that's you is up to the two of you. Finally, remember to carry only the message of sobriety through the A.A. Program.

If you're willing to serve as a Temporary Contact, here's the information we need (PLEASE PRINT):

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

DISTRICT WITHIN A.A. AREA 44: _____

PHONE(S): _____

Mail this form today to: **Temporary Contact Coordinator
c/o Intergroup
2400 Morris Ave.
Union, NJ 07083**

Thanks for you willingness to participate in this vital 12th Step work.

Being Released Soon? Need Help to Find AA Meeting?
Call Alcoholics Anonymous at:
1-800-245-1377 24 Hours A Day
Se Habla Español 973-824-0555
or
local: 908-687-8566 e-mail: cfc@njaa.org
visit our website at: njaa.org