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**BRIDGING THE GAP  
A TEMPORARY CONTACT PROGRAM**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
DISTRICT 8- AREA 15**

We of Alcoholics Anonymous in Palm Beach County, Florida provide a "Bridging the Gap" program to help alcoholics in treatment facilities who will live within or out of Palm Beach County upon discharge and who are interested in recovery. Basically, it introduces individuals to Alcoholics Anonymous on the outside. The intent is to provide the alcoholic "bridging the gap". As the program name suggests, it is for **limited time**.

Getting back into "real world" is not always easy for the alcoholic. Many of us had not been sober on the outside for a long time, and we admitted that the first days out were a little frightening. Sometimes, we did not know if we would stay sober. Even new members of A.A. usually know that they cannot make it alone. The dilemma for some of us was that we were not sure we could make it in A.A. either. We said things like, "where will I find a meeting I can be comfortable in?"

or "Who will be able to trust?" It was tempting to give in to "I won't fit in", or "I'm too different." Lots of alcoholics think like this; **we did**.

Many of us who have made the transition to sober and happy lives in out communities still remember the first days on our own. It was hard to know what to do. Now we see that we can help the new people getting out. The primary purpose of the A.A. temporary contact program is to introduce newly released residents of treatment facilities and hospitals to A.A. on the outside.

The Bridging the Gap program is a committee of alcoholics helping other alcoholics. We are not connected with any group or institution. The only thing we want from this work is the opportunity of helping other alcoholics.

Being alcoholics we know that the people you will meet in your first days out could make all the difference. If you have a desire to stop drinking you can get in touch with us through our phone number on the front of this pamphlet. Please try to call as soon as possible before your discharge to allow us time to arrange for an A.A. member to contact you.

In addition, you are asked to provide basic information so that you can be contacted by an A.A. member so that arrangements can be made with you to get to an A.A. meeting. You will be matched with a volunteer primarily on gender, geographical location and age is considered, but no limiting.

To begin contact and request help from A.A. volunteers, call the following number. You will be put in touch with the Bridging the Gap coordinator and a volunteer will contact you.

**Call  
(561) 655-5700**

**Please have the following information ready:**

1. Your Name
2. Treatment Facility
3. Home phone number
4. Home address
5. Discharge date
6. Gender

In accordance with our 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition your anonymity will be entirely protected as we do adhere to our traditions.

## **"OUR RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE"**

I AM RESPONSIBLE  
WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE  
REACHES OUT FOR HELP,  
I WANT THE HAND  
OF A.A.  
ALWAYS TO BE THERE.  
AND FOR THAT:  
I AM RESPONSIBLE

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