

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
BRIDGING THE GAP
REQUEST FOR PRE-RELEASE CONTACT**

The **Bridging the Gap (BTG)** program is a state-wide service provided by Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) to help inmates interested in attending meetings upon their release. Coordinated by local Correctional Facilities Committees of AA, it is a program for introducing inmates to AA in their home communities upon release. First by letter contact, time permitting, and then immediately upon release by phone, a volunteer will connect with you, escort you to a few AA meetings and introduce you to AA in your community.

As an inmate requesting an AA contact, please be aware of the following:

- 1) You must be within ninety (90) days of your release date.
- 2) AA offers only a path to recovery from alcoholism, not money, jobs, housing or the like.
- 3) A contact person will write to you after this form is processed, time permitting. The two of you may make arrangements to meet as soon as possible after release. This contact will help you get to your first AA meetings and introduce you to the AA members in your area.
- 4) The contact person serves a vital link between you and the outside AA group.
- 5) Many have found that it works best if you select your own AA sponsor soon after meeting with the outside group. This would be someone other than the BTG contact.
- 6) We need you to supply the following information in order to get you the proper contact person. This information will be kept confidential.

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Last) _____ (First) _____

DIN Number _____ Male Female

Current facility mailing address:

Facility _____

Street _____

City _____ NY Zip _____

Address to which you will be released:

Street _____

City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Anticipated release date ____ / ____ / ____

Check here if you would prefer a Spanish speaking contact.

**Please mail this form to: Bridging the Gap/Pre-Release Program
PO Box 1402, Bowling Green Station, New York, NY 10274**