

Dear A.A. friends,

Warm greetings from the Treatment desk at your General Service Office, and we hope that you are doing well during this challenging time. We need your help.

In today's world, alcoholics from all walks of life participate in, or are confined to many types of Treatment, Correctional, Medical, Therapeutic, Crisis or Community settings. They all leave that place at some point, but some are looking for an A.A. contact to help them get involved and become a part of the A.A. Fellowship to maintain their sobriety on the outside.

Would you please share your experiences with Bridging the Gap (BTG), or some type of Temporary A.A. Contacts, which might be included in the development of a BTG Workbook and AA Guidelines on BTG?

If you have experience and call the temporary A.A. contacts by another name, then we want to hear from you too.

Ways to pass on your experience to tf@aa.org:

- Typing it up in an email
- Recording a voice memo from your smart phone
- Sharing the Audio portion from a videoconference recording of local sharing (such as zoom meeting)

Please send your sharing as soon as possible, or before December 15, 2020.

Sample questions that might help to spark some sharing:

1. Due to the pandemic, what has changed for carrying out BTG service? Have you been able to adapt BTG? Has it help you start BTG near you?
2. Communication with professionals at settings – Can you share any samples that have been effective?
3. How do you experience the Traditions applying to BTG service work?
4. Does your BTG committee participation in a Group Conscience with a Central Office or Intergruop, General Service District or Area Committee?
5. How do you coordinate and find Volunteers? What has worked the best for you? What has been the biggest challenge? Anything to avoid?

- i. Where/how do you ask for volunteers? Announcements? Flyers? Newsletters? Private Social Media Page? Workshops? Any samples to share?
- j. What are your suggestions?
- k. How did you get started with a BTG committee?

Thank-you!

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