

# **Suffolk County General Service**

## **Treatment Facilities Bridging the Gap**

***Our Vision: For every newcomer to meet a sober alcoholic at a meeting in their hometown after they leave a detox, rehab, or sober house.***

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.



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; insure that he or she has the phone numbers of several A.A. members, and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group.

Experience suggests that it is best to be accompanied by another A.A. member when meeting our newcomer. One of the two temporary contacts should have at least a year of sobriety.

When we carry the A.A. message to those in treatment, we are just one drunk talking with another. For more information on how to be a temporary contact please visit:

<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/committees/treatment/> to fill out the temporary contact form.