

Mail to this address
 Oregon Area 58 New Freedom Program
 c/o Willamette Valley Intergroup
 687 Cottage St NE
 Salem OR 97301-2412

INMATE'S NAME	SEX		DOC NUMBER
	M	F	
DOC MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE		ZIP CODE
RELEASING TO (TOWN OR AREA)			DATE OF RELEASE
ADDRESS AFTER RELEASE			TELEPHONE NUMBER
I would like to make a commitment to attend an A.A. meeting within 48 hours of my release. I understand that the A.A. contact is not an A.A. sponsor, even temporarily.			
SIGNATURE:			

I am within six months of my release date. I am requesting an A.A. contact who will provide a bridge for me to the A.A. community through transportation to meetings and introduction to other A.A. members in my area.

NEW FREEDOM INMATE APPLICATION

TO THE INMATE:

Alcoholics Anonymous has a transition program in this area. You may sign up to be matched with an A.A. volunteer in your home community upon release. The volunteer has agreed to accompany you to 3-6 A.A. meetings, introduce you to other members and help you get acquainted with the local fellowship. During this time, you will hear about home groups, sponsorship, service, and the twelve steps. Contact with the volunteer is designed to be temporary. They won't follow you around or control your activities, nor will they provide jobs, housing, food, clothing, or any other such service. You will probably not get much in the way of recommendations other than: Go to Meetings, Don't Drink, Take the Steps, Read the Big Book, and Call Your Sponsor! Experience has shown that attending meetings as soon after release as possible is one of the most effective tools in making a sober transition. Many of us have been where you are now and know the A.A. program and what the strength of the fellowship can do for you as it has done for us and countless others. Please take a moment to read and complete the NEW FREEDOM INMATE APPLICATION form just to the left and mail the completed form to the given address. Keep the rest of this pamphlet for future reference. Try to have this application submitted about 90 days prior to your release date. You should be contacted by mail by an AA New Freedom volunteer in the community where you will be living upon your release. If you don't hear from a volunteer, write to the New Freedom Coordinator at the same address; provide the coordinator with information on your release date, address, and telephone number where you will be living and how the volunteer can reach you to arrange going to AA meetings. It is hoped you will find this service helpful in your continued recovery.

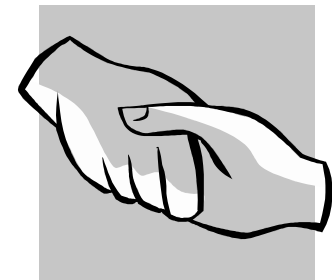
SUGGESTED READINGS FROM THE A.A. LITERATURE:

- "Where Do I Go From Here?" (F-4)
- AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate (B-13)
- It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell (P-33)
- Memo to an Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic (P-9)
- A.A. in Correctional Facilities (P-26)
- Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities (F-5)

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NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM



*An AA Service
 Opportunity
 Connecting Inside
 Members to the
 Community*

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TO THE VOLUNTEER:

A.A. New Freedom program connects Inmates with A.A. in their community upon release. You are asked to be the A.A. New Freedom volunteer. When a soon-to-be-released Inmate contacts us, we match them to an A.A. New Freedom volunteer in their community. We call you, get the okay, and then send the information along to you. You contact the inside A.A. member and arrange to take them to an A.A. meeting within 48 hours of their release. You are to take them to a minimum of three and a maximum of six meetings. You help them get acquainted, get phone numbers, and perhaps locate a sponsor or a home group. Please note: it is NOT intended that you become their sponsor even temporarily. It is best if that work is not used in any way to describe your service. New Freedom volunteers are bridges to the local A.A. community. You introduce them to A.A. members so they have a base of members to call upon. Lastly, we suggest that New Freedom volunteers be active in A.A. and have a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety. If you are willing to be the hand of A.A. when an Inmate reaches out for help, complete the application to the right and mail it. Keep the rest of this form as a reference.

NEW FREEDOM VOLUNTEER AND INMATE PROCEDURES:

1. Inmates are eligible for this program if they have less than six months to serve and have a desire to stay sober.
2. Inmate completes and mails the application to the indicated address.
3. New Freedom Coordinator notifies the inside A.A. Member when the application is received and is being processed.
4. The New Freedom coordinator matches the Inmate with a New Freedom volunteer.
5. The New Freedom coordinator notifies the Inmate that a connection has been established with a New Freedom volunteer.
6. New Freedom volunteer writes the Inmate within two weeks to confirm contact and a willingness to help. If the New Freedom volunteer does not wish to use their address, they may use the address of the New Freedom coordinator. If the New Freedom volunteer has not contacted the Inmate within two weeks, notify the New Freedom coordinator.
7. Inmate will then inform the New Freedom coordinator of all pertinent information about the date of release, local address, and telephone number.
8. New Freedom volunteer will meet the released Inmate at a time and place agreed upon, and the two will attend up to six meetings together.
9. After six meetings, the volunteer is asked to "Let Go and Let God" so they may act as a bridge for the next available Inmate.

NEW FREEDOM VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Contact the Inmate by letter within two weeks of your notification by the New Freedom coordinator. Remain in written communication until date of release.
2. Take the released Inmate to an A.A. meeting within 48 hours of their return to the community.
3. It is suggested that the first meeting with the released Inmate be viewed as a 12th Step Call and that you take another A.A. member with you. Use the same guidelines as you would when meeting a newcomer, although you are meeting a member who may have considerable long term sobriety.
4. Review the New Freedom program with the Inmate so there are no misunderstandings as to what this program does and does not offer. Use this pamphlet as your reference.
5. Remind the Inmate that the New Freedom program is a temporary arrangement and that you are a temporary bridge to the local community
6. Remember, you have a commitment of taking the member to 3 to 6 A.A. meetings. It is up to each of us to establish sponsorship relationships on our own.
7. Be sure the Inmate has a meeting list, A.A. telephone numbers, A.A. literature and a Big Book.
8. Encourage the Inmate to find a home group, attend A.A. meetings, get a sponsor, and become involved in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.
9. Share your experience, strength, and hope as you would with anyone new to the program or the community.
10. Upon completion of the responsibilities, contact the New Freedom coordinator and provide information on what worked.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR NEW FREEDOM VOLUNTEERS:

DO take the Member to an A.A. meeting within 48 hours
 DO carry the A.A. message with your experience
 DO take the Member to 3—6 A.A. meetings
 DO provide an A.A. meeting schedule
 DO provide phone numbers
 DO practice your recovery and solutions
 DO discuss New Freedom problems with a sponsor

DON'T sponsor the Member
 DON'T loan money, housing, food, car, or be a taxi
 DON'T be involved in reports to the justice system
 DON'T exceed the 6 meetings with the Member
 DON'T become emotionally involved
 DON'T be responsible for Member's actions or attitudes

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NAME	SEX	M	F
	ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
DAY PHONE	NIGHT PHONE		
HOME GROUP	LOCATION		
I have read and agree to follow the intent and guidelines of the A.A. New Freedom program as described in this pamphlet.			EMAIL
SIGNATURE			DATE