

To All,

Welcome to the Area 51, District 24 outreach program. Our goal is to give all A.A. newcomers a good place to start their recovery journey. We want to help them make the best decisions in the beginning by giving them accurate help and guidance.

We will meet our clients at meetings and introduce them to other A.A. members so that they can become a familiar face in the fellowship. We all know that alcoholism is a lonely disease, and we want all of our newcomers to feel at home.

We all know that the most important tool in the recovery process is a sponsor. A.A. has written a great pamphlet on how to find and use a sponsor, as well as create realistic expectations of a sponsor. We want the clients to have a thorough understanding of the information in this document before they search for a sponsor. We will ensure that the guide is prepared to take on this task and be there for the client to ask questions.

Here's how it works: A new client will call our number, (336) 638-1308, and be paired with a guide. A new guide will also call (336) 638-1308 to be listed as

an available guide and be paired with a client. The pairing of clients with guides will be determined by zip code. The guide's objectives are to:

1. Offer guidance, communication, and assistance to clients in connecting with a sponsor.
2. Meet the client at meetings and introduce them to members of different meetings
3. Ensure that the newcomer has a good understanding of the “Questions & Answers About Sponsorship Pamphlet.” (P-15)
4. Keep the general conversation related to recovery. Avoid discussing the new member’s discharge or introduction to A.A. We have no opinion on outside issues.
5. Take time to introduce the new person to as many A.A. members as possible. Do not, however, push your client. Some people are very shy.
6. Invite them to the “meeting after the meeting,” if there is one. Show them we are happy, joyous, and free, and that sobriety can be enjoyable.

7. Make sure the A.A. client receives meeting schedules, phone numbers, and A.A. literature.

8. Encourage the new client to attend meetings as often as possible, to find a home group, and to get a sponsor as soon as possible. Let them know that even a temporary sponsor would be a good idea.

9. Share your experience, strength, and hope with the newly discharged member, just as you would anyone else new to A.A. in your community.

10. Remember, you may be the first outside member of A.A. the client meets. As such, you are representing all of us. It is important to be relaxed, friendly, and interested.

For guide safety, the guide will meet the newcomer at an A.A. meeting and have another A.A. member with the guide in situations where driving is concerned. The length of time that it takes to accomplish this is the judgment of the guide, but not to exceed 2 months. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to info@aanc24.org, and we will get back to you.

Thanks,
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