

How can I help the alcoholic in jail or prison

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much ensure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail...you can help when no one can.

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The Corrections Committee seeks to carry the message to incarcerated alcoholics by bringing meetings and literature into facilities, raising awareness of the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) among “inside” and “outside” A.A. members and helping individuals in custody transition to a local A.A. community through Prerelease Contacts.

The facilities Heart of Virginia (District 9) are currently involved with are:

Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail - ACRJ

Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women - FCCW

Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center – BRDC

Buckingham Correctional Center - BCC

Dillwyn Correctional Center - DCC

At the present time (January 2023) Dillwyn and FCCW is having in person meetings (men and women can attend). ACRJ is doing zoom and the other facilities are gearing up. Exciting time to get involved.

To volunteer for these facilities clearance and orientation are required. Each facility has its own requirements.

If you're interested in any of these service opportunities or have questions, contact the district corrections chairperson at districtninecorrections@gmail.com.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

For Inside and Outside AAs

The CCS links AA members who are in custody with AA members on the outside so that both can share their experience, strength and hope with each other.

Insider Request Form (F-73)

This form is available to make it more accessible to corrections committee members who bring the A.A. message inside correctional facilities. The C.C.S. form is not intended for involuntary signups from a third-party individual. Our experience shows that unsolicited signing up for the C.C.S may delay a person's decision to turn to Alcoholics Anonymous for help. Instead, please have the “inside” A.A. complete the form and contact **Email:** corrections@aa.org directly so that we can assist them in their C.C.S. request.

Outside A.A. Members Only (CCS-3)

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There may be individual facility restrictions regarding this service – always good to check with your chairman.

The A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Program

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Outside – Prerelease Contact information (F-162)

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Inside – Prerelease Contact Information (F-163)

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Thank your for your interest.