

# How to Become an AA Prison Meeting Volunteer

Lancaster County AA Intergroup is currently bringing four meetings a week — two for women and two for men — into Lancaster County Prison. To volunteer to carry the message to the confined alcoholic, you must:

- Have at least one year of sobriety
- Complete clearances
- Complete prison training for volunteers

Here's how to join the team:

**Step One** — Complete the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance Application. This can be completed and sent online (best option), or you can download the form on our webpage and mail it. Check or click the “Volunteer Having Contact with Children” box (even though you will not be having contact with children) and the “Other” subcategory, writing “prison services volunteer” in the space provided.

NOTE: If you have previously obtained your Child Abuse History Certification for another purpose, you may be able to skip this step.

**Step Two** — Download and complete the Lancaster County Prison Application for General Prison Access found on our website.

**Step Three** — Send a copy of the Child Abuse History Certification you receive from the state along with your prison access application to:

Lancaster County Prison  
c/o Deputy Joe Shiffer  
625 King St.  
Lancaster, PA 17602

**Step Four** — Contact Gerri S., Women's AA Corrections Committee Coordinator, at 717-575-1720, or Rick S., Men's Coordinator, at 717-380-0118, when you have sent your application to the prison.

**Step Five** — Await contact from the prison about scheduling fingerprinting and training. The training session at the prison lasts four hours.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact for Gerri or Rick at the numbers above.