

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 — Contact the appropriate AA Corrections Committee Coordinator for further instructions on submitting your application and Child Abuse History Certification to the prison administration.

Women: Gerri Shober
gerardashober@yahoo.com
717-575-1720

Men: Rick Sauder
ricksauder@comcast.net
717-380-0118

IMPORTANT: Keep a copy of your application for your records.

Step Four — Await contact from the prison about scheduling fingerprinting and training. The training session at the prison lasts four hours. Please update Gerri or Rick if/when you are contacted.

QUESTIONS? Contact Gerri or Rick at the numbers above.