

Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee (“CTFC”)

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is the CTFC?

A: The Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee (CTFC) is a committee of New York Inter-Group focused on carrying the message into correctional and treatment facilities.

Q: What does the CTFC Committee do?

A: The CTFC Committee is focused on coordinating (3) primary things:

1. Bringing AA meetings into correctional and treatment facilities where the patients/inmates are unable to leave to get a meeting.
2. Delivering literature to these facilities.
3. Helping connect patients and/or inmates with AA members willing to meet them the day they are released at an A.A. meeting.

Q: How does my home group get involved in taking a meeting into a facility?

A: To adopt a CTFC meeting in a correctional and/or treatment facility, simply attend one of our area meetings listed below:

| Borough | When | Where |
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| Bronx | 3 rd Friday of every month at 7:00 PM | Our Savior Lutheran School 1734 Williamsbridge Road; Bronx, NY 10461 (Btwn. Morris Park Ave & Van Nest Ave) |
| Brooklyn | Last Saturday of every month at 1:00 PM | 103 Quincy Street; Brooklyn, N.Y. 11238 (Btwn. Franklin & Classon Avenue, Basement, Daily Reflection Workshop Group Meeting Place) |
| Manhattan | 3 rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM | New York Inter-Group 307 Seventh Avenue, 2nd floor; NY, NY 10001 |
| Queens | TBD | TBD |
| Staten Island | 4 th Monday of every month at 7:00 PM *Orientation Meeting at 6:40 | How Club 552 Port Richmond Avenue; Staten Island, NY 10302 |
| Westchester | 3 rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM | Memorial United Methodist Church 250 Bryant Ave; White Plains, NY 10605 |
| Spanish (All Areas) | 2nd Saturday of every month, 3:00 PM | Spanish Intergroup - (Oficina Central Hispana de A.A.) 2234 First Avenue @120 th Street; NY, NY 10029 |

Q: If I’m already taking a meeting but would like to bring literature with me, what do I do?

A: Simply show up to your area meetings (above) to pick up literature and fill out the CTFC Literature Distribution Form which lists where you are taking the literature packages. You can also visit New York Inter-Group during regular business hours to get literature and complete the required form.

Q: How is this literature paid for?

A: The CTFC Literature Fund is a separate fund dedicated to paying for the literature that goes into institutions as well as additional expense the committee incurs to operate. It operates outside of New York Inter-Group’s operating budget. It is funded primarily by contributions from groups and individuals that are earmarked specifically for CTFC.

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Q: How do I contribute to the CTFC Literature Fund?

A: There are two ways you can contribute to the fund:

1. Please send your contribution check made out to: New York Inter-Group of A.A. with the words “**CTFC Literature Fund**” in the memo of the check or on the envelope. The office has self-addressed envelopes for your contribution, and these should be sent to:
New York Inter-Group
307 Seventh Avenue; Suite 201; New York, NY 10001
2. To attend the CTFC Annual Dinner Dance Fund Raiser. This fundraiser is usually held on a Saturday in July from 8:00pm to 1:00am at Antun’s Restaurant located at 96-43 Springfield Blvd./ Queens Village, NY 11429.

Q: What is bridging the gap?

A: Bridging the Gap is a program designed to help connect patients and inmates with AA members the day they are released with the singular goal of taking them to their first meeting.

Q: How can I get involved in Bridging The Gap?

A: Simply show up at a Bridging The Gap monthly committee meeting; they are held at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at New York Inter-Group, or email BTG@NYIntergroup.org, for more information.

Q: Are there other ways to be of services with CTFC?

A: Absolutely! Every month a group of AA members get together to assemble all the literature packets that are distributed into facilities. They always need volunteers and the only requirement is 1 day sober so it’s a great service opportunity for everyone. **Please visit the Upcoming Events Page on www.nyintergroup.org for packing dates in 2017!**

Q: What’s the “Pink Can”?

A: The *Pink Can* is a way for groups to collect spare pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters toward the purchase of AA literature for those who are confined or hospitalized. It’s a request for additional contributions, in the same way groups pass the 7th Tradition basket a second time or ask for \$2. Typically, it’s an empty coffee can wrapped in pink paper, an idea that developed nearly 60 years ago.

Q: How does the “Pink Can” work?

A: Some groups make an announcement about the *Pink Can* and pass it after the 7th Tradition basket. Other groups keep the *Pink Can* on their literature table and make an announcement about it during the information break. Traditionally, group treasurers often handle the additional contributions, but some groups turn that responsibility into a separate service position.

Q: How do I get a “Pink Can” for my Home Group?

A: First your home group needs to adopt the use of the Pink Can. Once they do you can make one yourself or contact the CTFC committee at CTFC@NYIntergroup.org and we’ll provide one.

Q: Does the Pink Can violate traditions?

A: The *Pink Can* does not violate the AA Traditions. Since we are self-supporting through our own contributions, the money is *from* AA members *for* AA members. And the *Pink Can* is not intended to detract from your group’s normal 7th Tradition contributions—AA experience has shown that contributions remain the same with or without the *Pink Can*.

Q: How do I contact if I have any other questions about CTFC?

A: You can email the committee at CTFC@NYIntergroup.org with any questions you have.