

## What the Treatment Committee Does

Treatment facilities committees are formed to coordinate the work of individual AA. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an AA. group in the individual's community.

A treatment facilities committee may function within the structure of a general service committee on the area or district level or it may serve within the structure of a central office/Intergroup. Prior to forming these committees, this Twelfth Step work is sometimes handled by an individual group or member. As AA groups grow in number in a community, experience suggests that a committee works more effectively.

In some parts of the country, AA's interested in carrying the message into treatment and corrections facilities work together on Hospitals and Institutions committees independent of, but in cooperation with, general service and Intergroup committees. This structure also works well-especially in areas where lines of communication between the various service entities remain open.\*

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