

Round Table Topic: Bridging the Gap (BTG)

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Identified Topics:

BTGWW.org is a great way to get to know about BTG. If you are new, in different Areas, corrections, treatment, and AA do different things but all work together. Everyone has their own way of doing things.

How do you get into facilities and do presentations? Use the yellow book. Get a once a month slot. Give your presentation, show a video. H & I brings a meeting. BTG brings a presentation.

Don't advertise picking up people at meetings. You're not a taxi service. Match the ages up, match the cities, match the location, as close as possible.

There are two parts – Bring the presentation in. Meet people when they get out.

May start out by yourself than need to ask for help. Big complaint – I signed up to help but was not asked to help.

District – Have stickers and business cards where can ask for contact or volunteer to be a contact.

BTGWW.org – Area 06 offers a scholarship to the Conference.

Out of state? Find the Area, write a letter.

H & I – Work with them,; they have policies on what they can bring in and out. Keep trying – changing of the guard. Once that happens, you have a chance to get back in there. When you're at the jail and they know you, they might let you speak.

Sonoma County – yellow book – ask Area 06 for Spanish.

“Trying to make it so ex-con can walk comfortably into a meeting” not afraid they'll walk into someone, so they're too scared and don't go.

We're all autonomous, but there's a request from someone so we get them to a meeting.

For Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) – Have a standardized understanding of what BTG is. Can you have a list for BTG, PI/CPC, and H & I? Perhaps can't be in H & I and be a temporary sponsor on the outside. H & I could have a whole system in place and then a new AA entity comes in and damages the relationship with the facility. Your presentations need to do the best they can – phone, release date, sex (names can be vague). What do you do when you pick up a minor?