

Get connected steps for getting into prisons

1. Make a spread sheet of all prisons in the state with prison name, contact name, contact phone number, contact email, and the status. See example below,

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Prison Name	Contact Name	Contact Phone Number	Contact Email Address	Status
2	Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility		(715) 720-2850		called
3	Columbia Correctional Institution		(608) 742-9100		called

2. Call each prison and ask to speak with the program coordinator. This is the person that will be the contact for each prison and their information can be inserted into the spots in the above example.

3. When contact is made to inform the program coordinator who you are and explain what our program is. An example of an explanation is below.

What is the Get Connected HA Responders Program?

Get Connected through HA responders is a program designed to help those incarcerated find a solution to their addiction and become connected to the HA fellowship during there incarceration and upon release. During there incarceration, this program sends letters back and forth from multiple people in the HA community to the inmates. Upon there release, this program connects members who are traveling, relocating across the state or country as well as those who are remaining local with a member from HA to help get them into a meeting and introduced them to HA contacts. HA responders are people who have been through the 12 steps and have a working knowledge of the program that can aid in the inmates integration back into society through getting them on track with their recovery. In past experience, it has been proven that if a person goes to a meeting on the day of release they have a better chance of obtaining sobriety to those who didn't. This is why we need to provide each person who wants recovery with a HA contact before release. In a nut shell, Get Connected HA responders is getting one addict connected with another.

4. Send off information to your contact person threw email explaining the get connected program and an application for inmates to get involved in the program.

5. Enter the status of the prison in the status section of the example in step 1.

6. Follow up after a few weeks with the coordinator to check status of the get connected program.