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**Corrections Annual Report  
E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 73  
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The Corrections Subcommittee provides information and assistance to other AA entities endeavoring to carry the message into prisons in Eastern Pennsylvania. We met regularly, about once a month and at the Area Quarterly meetings. In addition, one of us also attended the monthly Bridging the Gap meeting.

As the COVID pandemic winds down and prisons are starting to open and allow A.A.s to bring in outside meetings we hope to better fulfill our mission. In the meantime we reached out to groups and Intergroups in the Area to offer our services. A recent arrival to our subcommittee noted that their area of Huntingdon has many prisons. The subcommittee plans to reach out to prison liaisons there. A member of the subcommittee met with the Corrections liaison in Lancaster Intergroup and put him in contact with Bridging the Gap. A member of the subcommittee reached out to the chair of the Corrections subcommittee of Northeast PA Intergroup. In turn they informed us of a Corrections workshop he was giving in Dallas, PA. A member of the subcommittee traveled up to that workshop with their rack and display and was able to provide some corrections literature that the people there had not previously had. They also mentioned the importance of Bridging the Gap, our frequent partner, and some people who would not feel comfortable going into a prison were more than happy to take somebody to a meeting who had been released.

By far our biggest activity was bringing a Corrections display and rack of literature into as many events as we could. This year we attended more than 15 events to put up our display.

One of the most exciting developments in carrying the AA message into prisons is the recent availability of tablets to incarcerated people. We were made aware that some internet service providers offer free data to them when they access AA materials. However we were unable to get any more information than that. Attempts to find out more on the [aa.org](http://aa.org) website were unsuccessful and an email to the Federal Prison system has gone unanswered. We suggest that GSO provide more clarity on this subject.