

**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 also work closely with the Bridging the Gap subcommittee.

We continued to bring our displays to various AA workshops around Eastern Pennsylvania, as well as Area Day and PENNSCYPAA XXXV, and NERAASA.

Last year we allocated some of our budget to providing literature to District 50 that they would pass on to prisons in their area. We perceived this as necessary because no intergroup exists in that part of the state.

This past summer, the Drug and Alcohol Program Manager for the Department of Corrections contacted our committee via General Services to discuss vetting volunteers who would carry the message into state prisons. Together with the chair of the SEPIA Prisons committee we educated her on how Intergroups specific to the prison in question usually provide the volunteers and vetting them on their bona fides would start there. I later provided her with a list of the Intergroups in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Interestingly, at the Area day, I talked with some AAs who were having trouble bringing meetings into certain prisons due to the reluctance of the wardens. This is disappointing because we hoped that as pandemic restrictions have lifted we could have more access to incarcerated people who need to hear the AA message. I provided the name of the Drug and Alcohol manager to these AAs. I understand that this might not work with county and federal prisons but we do what we can.