



ACTIVITIES FOR ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEES

In order to insure that the hand of A.A. is extended to all who reach out for it, here are some suggested activities that can help Accessibilities Committees carry the message effectively to A.A. groups, districts, area assemblies, etc.¹

- *Create a list of the Accessibilities Committee's Twelve Step service priorities — pick one or two project ideas and focus on those goals.*
- *Coordinate Accessibilities workshops at the group, district or area level.*
- *Hold regular Accessibilities Committee meetings and prepare minutes of these meetings.*
- *Submit a request for an Accessibilities Committee budget from a group, district or area to support these Twelve Step service priorities.*
- *Conduct a survey of meetings that are accessible to people in wheelchairs and add this information to local meeting lists/ "Where and Whens" (wheelchair accessibility includes both the entrance to the meeting and access to bathroom facilities).*
- *Conduct a survey of local, district or area meetings with American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation.*
- *Help arrange for American Sign Language interpreters at A.A. meetings.*
- *Videotape professional interpreters signing A.A. meetings, for posting on social media, local A.A. websites, or sharing with members who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing.*
- *Make A.A./ Accessibilities informational presentations at schools for the Blind, the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, rehabilitation centers for people with brain damage and centers and schools for those with developmental disabilities.*
- *Work closely with Public Information (P.I.), Cooperation With the Professional Community (C.P.C.) and Cooperation With the Elder Community (C.E.C.) to inform the public and appropriate agencies that A.A. is accessible to alcoholics with physical, emotional and mental challenges.*
- *Arrange meetings for A.A. members who do not have access to regular A.A. meetings, e.g. in hospitals, rehabilitation centers for those with physical disabilities or challenges, residences for people with developmental disabilities.*
- *Compile and maintain a list of members who are willing to provide transportation to and from meetings and other A.A. functions.*

¹ Accessibilities WORKBOOK | Suggested Activities for Accessibilities Committees page8-9 | www.aa.org
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- *Have members of your committee or other volunteers read and record an A.A. book on tape for a member who is Blind or may no longer be able to hold a book.*
- *Take a meeting to homebound A.A. members along with two or more members of the Fellowship.*
- *Provide Accessibilities workshops and assistance to people with disabilities at conventions, conferences, service weekends, service meetings, special events, etc.*
- *Gather local information and identify outside local resources regarding accessibility requirements and options.*
- *Provide literature / information in formats that help people with emotional, mental or physical challenges to engage in carrying the A.A. message.*
- *Provide lists of local meetings that offer babysitting or other services, such as transportation, for single parents or other caregivers.*