

Michigan Statewide Corrections Committee
Guidelines for Corrections Workshops

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Purpose of Corrections Workshops

The Michigan Statewide Corrections Committee provides this workshop annually to share with members professionals involved in corrections work "inside" with those that provide corrections work "outside".

This workshop will help to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind walls, involved in court programs designed to achieve sobriety of its participants and to anyone interested in understanding the cooperation between A.A. and the courts and correctional facilities.

Suggested format for Corrections Workshops

- Provide a corrections professional to speak on the importance of knowledge of A.A. for their participants: for example judge, probation officer, parole officer, sheriff in local county jail.
- Have a sobriety court professional speak: for example recovery court peer support person, sobriety court coordinator, court mentor, someone who sits on a sobriety court board
- Share about how A.A. meetings are taken into jails, prisons, juvenile detention facilities and why this is an important service to provide. Use examples from those members who provide this service.
- Share about how A.A. cooperates with the courts and facilities through literature, meetings, correspondence, pre-releases.
- Have a participant(s) of a sobriety court program or utilized A.A. meetings while incarcerated to share their experiences with A.A.
- Have pamphlets, materials and other A.A. information available to attendees to take with them for consideration in participating with Corrections Committees.
- Encourage participation and knowledge of the cooperation between A.A. and correctional facilities and court participants.

Other Items Needed for Corrections Workshops

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE STATEWIDE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE
PRIOR TO THE EVENT BY THE APRIL STATEWIDE MEETING**

- Secure a venue that will hold approximately 100 people
- Budget for coffee including cups, creamer, sugar
- When planning to include serving lunch, provide a budget for food. Budget items to serve lunch including plates, cups, napkins, cutlery etc.
- Budget for flyers, pamphlets, items to share at the workshop.
- Share all remaining items left with the Area host of the next year's event
- Look for a venue that is more centrally located so the members can easily travel from all three Delegate Areas.