

Project Idea: Temporary Sponsorship

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1. Project Purpose

Addicts returning home from treatment or an incarnation reentry program are particularly vulnerable to relapse. Recognizing this risky time for the newly clean, Narcotics Anonymous offers a Temporary Sponsor program. With the help and support of a temporary sponsor, the newly clean attends a local NA meeting where s/he's introduced to other NA members and to the tools needed to enjoy a new, drug free life.

The Fellowship Services Team has fielded several requests over the last several months from CD professionals, social workers, and professionals in the justice department seeking temporary sponsors from Narcotics Anonymous. They want their clients to have someone on the outside waiting to take them to a meeting and help them change their playgrounds, playmates and playthings. The idea is to introduce them to a new way of life before they are dragged down by their old lifestyle. The sooner they get to an NA meeting, the higher the probability that they'll find success and longer term recovery.

2. Project Objective

There are four high-level objectives:

1. Identify NA members who are willing to be temporary sponsors.
2. Allow professionals to request temporary sponsors for their clients on www.naminnnesota.org.
3. Match the newcomers with a local temporary sponsor.

3. Project Benefits

- Trusted servants would become more effective in carrying out our primary purpose.
- Newcomers have a higher probability of maintaining their recovery.

4. Long Term Goals

- **To be a trustworthy leader with the foresight to identify trends and issues affecting the fellowship and the ability to develop innovative solutions to address them.**

Requests for this service have increased significantly over the last several months. We have the technological solution to address these requests.

- **To provide products and services that meet changing needs of the Region.**
As NA has become more effective and well-known as a viable recovery fellowship, professionals are more inclined to seek resources for their clients who are graduating into real life.
- **To build productive partnerships throughout our Region to fulfill our vision: relationships with other components of the service structure, local NA communities, and between committees and boards.**
In order for this project to be successful, we will need volunteers from all over the state in every ASC.