

## **CPC Works with the Drug Courts**

My name is Andrew N. I am the CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Chair for District 2, Eastern Area of Missouri AA. I had the opportunity to meet with Lois L. and a Drug Court administrator at First Watch in Clayton on August 8. Glenda J. Jill is an administrator for the St. Louis County Drug Court. The meeting was intended to create a dialogue between the Fellowship of AA here in St. Louis and the Drug court program in St. Louis County. The ultimate aim, I believe, was to see how the positive message of recovery could be carried from the AA community to the Drug Court system and received by clients in Drug Court.

Glenda informed Lois and me about the four phases of Drug Court. During Phase 3, clients are required to obtain sponsors to help them in sobriety. These sponsors would ostensibly be gained from clients meeting people in recovery at AA meetings and groups. Lois and I gained a telephone number of the director of Bridgeway Treatment program. Lois plans to contact this individual about potentially setting up a purely informational AA meeting for these clients. The meeting would, among other things, inform them on what AA sponsorship is. The dialogue has been established between members of the CPC branch of AA service in the Eastern Area of AA in Missouri and the professional court system here in St. Louis County. I hope that the message of recovery can reach those who need it or want it in the St. Louis County Drug Court program.

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