

Characteristics of an EFFECTIVE Service Sponsor

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Sponsorship in A.A is basically the same, whether helping another individual's recovery or service to a group. It can be defined as one alcoholic who has made some progress in recovery and/or performance in service, sharing this experience with another alcoholic just starting the journey. Both types of service spring from the spiritual aspects of the program. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON SPONSORSHIP** P-15, AA General Service Conference-approved literature.

See also **SERVICE SPONSORSHIP, Working Smarter, Not Harder**, P-88, Al-Anon Family Groups

See also Keynote Address, p.5-6, **Our Spiritual Way of Life: STEPS, TRADITIONS and CONCEPTS**, The 66th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, 2016 Final Report.

I want to speak, today, from my experience of Service Sponsorship. My service Sponsor has a Recovery Sponsor; a Service Sponsor; Time and a Tool Kit.

Below I have "spelled out" what I consider to be the characteristics of an EFFECTIVE Service Sponsor.

E xperienced

F ocused

F rank

E mpowering

C oncept Saavy

T radition Taught

I mmersed in the Steps

V isionary

E nthusiastic

Thank you for the challenge and the pleasure of being of service today!