

ALATEEN REPORT

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Hello Panel 61 AWSC!! I continue to learn and recover in this amazing role. Thank you!!

There has been a lot happening in Alateen during the last few months.

The WSO revised and approved a new suggested Alateen Preamble to the twelve steps that is written to be more welcoming to newcomers and can be easily translated into the three official AFG, Inc. languages. A copy has been sent to all District Representatives and AMIAs.

Part of the “suggested duties” of a Group Representative is “Encourage Alateen Sponsorship in accordance with Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements” (page 61 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021 version 2). Announcing the importance of Alateen at every meeting is key to creating awareness in the community.

Working with some other Area ALateen Coordinators around the country, we developed a suggested “script” to be used in Al-Anon Family Group Meetings, should your group wish to do so. It has received favorable feedback and some groups have incorporated it into their meeting announcements. The following is the suggested script:

ALATEEN, part of the Al-Anon Family Groups, is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism in a family member or close friend. If you know a young person affected by the family disease of alcoholism, please give them the same chance to recover in Alateen as you do in Al-Anon. There are options for face-to-face and electronic meetings.

Some Alateen Group Sponsors have expressed a desire for some suggested guidelines in creating their Alateen Meeting format. I have obtained a few different formats from meetings around the country and have formed a small committee of AMIAs along with myself to go through them and see if we can come up with one for Area 9! This will be worked on during the next few months.

Cindy J, Area 9 AAPP, and I have held six virtual AMIAS Training and Certification Events called FRESH (Forms Resources Experience Strength & Hope), since the beginning of the pandemic. The next one is Saturday, September 18th.

Currently we have 18 active Alateen Groups in Area 9. Some groups found creative ways of communicating during the pandemic, and some have begun to meet face to face again. The Area has 58 certified AMIAS.

I encourage all of you to review the one page for ALATEEN that has been created on the Area Website: afgarea9.org and is located on the home page.

It includes all current information pertaining to Area 9 Alateen such as Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements, e-service manual, instructions and forms for certification, etc.

There continues to be progress in Alateen meetings on the WSO Mobile App. Downloadable for iPhones and Android devices. AMIAS participation on the app is in compliance with area requirements for Alateen meetings. These meetings are open to all teens but they must have their own App account, and must be on a mobile device. The meetings follow all Area, WSO, and Alateen Service requirements, and any adult joining an app meeting must be an AMIAS. The waiting room for the meeting strictly states it is only for teens 13-18.

Communication with the District Representatives, DISLs and Alateen Support members is vitally important in my role as AREA 9 ALATEEN COORDINATOR. Please make sure you let me know as soon as possible if there are any changes to your email addresses, phone numbers, etc.

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