

# *ALATEEN REPORT*

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**AREA 9 ALATEEN COORDINATOR Panel 61**

HELLO PANEL 61!!! Welcome to 2022 and our second year into PANEL 61!!

The first year of Panel 61 for Area 9 was exciting for me. Having limited experience in Alateen, taking on the role of Area Alateen Coordinator was a huge challenge. However, my recovery and spirituality have grown tremendously. I am so pleased to find that the role is fun and takes much less time than I expected.

If I were asked, "What was the most rewarding part for me?" The answer would be meeting the Al-Anon Members who volunteer and work tirelessly in Alateen Service. I now have a new family and an unlimited amount of support and love. THANK YOU! I have learned that help is always at my fingertips and I am never alone!!

We conducted 9 Virtual FRESH Events (Forms Resources Experience Strength and Hope) during 2021. These virtual FRESH Events will continue through 2022 and the scheduled dates can be found on the Alateen page of the Area 9 website. Not only do we accomplish training and certification of AMIASs (Al-Anon Members in Al-Anon Service) during these events, but they are a gathering place for Al-Anon members serving in Alateen to share experiences, express concerns, and ask questions of each other.

During my first few months as Area Alateen Coordinator, I received calls from members interested in starting an Alateen group in their district. The WSO website, the Area 9 website, the Alateen eService Manual, the Guidelines, the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, etc. provide an abundance of information to help start a meeting. Specifically, many of those reaching out wanted a suggested Alateen Meeting format to help the group get started. I formed a small group of Area AMIASs and together we reviewed Meeting formats from around the country and from our own area as well. We designed and agreed on a suggested format that now can be found on the Area website to assist those members wanting to start an Alateen group.

The WSO approved a new Alateen Preamble to the Twelve Steps during 2021. This may be viewed by a link on the Alateen page of the area website.

There continues to be progress and very positive feedback in Alateen meetings on the WSO Mobile App. It is 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 the adults attending the app meetings are approved AMIASs. 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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**With gratitude,**

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