

Area Alateen Process Person REPORT

AWSC January 2023

Hello Florida North! Here is my report for our upcoming AWSC. It's amazing to me that we are beginning our final year of Panel 61. What a lot of learning, growing, recovering and "processing" it has been! I have loved this position of service, and encourage all of our Certified AMIAS to consider putting your name in for this in October! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the job!

- **Recertification with the WSO.** We began preparing for the WSO Recertification Process of 2023. Our FRESH events started on October 15, 2022 and will run through April 14, 2023. On April 15, I will certify our Area with the WSO.

This means that even if you just certified in August, you will need to JOIN A FRESH EVENT in this window of WSO recertification. Currently Certified AMIAS who will be recertifying in 2023 will not need a Background Check.

- **Please check our Alateen page on the Area Website** – all forms and information is there for you to prepare and participate!
- **Interested?** If you are interested in becoming an AMIAS please contact your District Representative or our Alateen Coordinator. It is possible for Districts to schedule online or in person FRESH events. Eleanor and I can help you coordinate that!
- **Alateen Groups:** We currently have **22 Active Alateen Groups**
- **Certified AMIAS:** We currently have **69 Certified AMIAS**

Forms and Requirements (all downloadable from our Area website):

- 1) Current **Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements**
- 2) Panel 61 **Area 9 2023 AMIAS Certification Form** - all AMIAS need to complete.
- 3) Panel 61 **Area 9 2023 Alateen Group Sponsor Form** - if you are a CMA or Group Sponsor
- 4) Current **VECHS Waiver Form** that needs to be filled out, *and the original mailed to the AAPP. Address is on the form.*
- 5) Instructions for getting a background check if you are a newly certifying AMIAS.

- At AWSC I will be making a presentation on the Florida Statute about Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect or Abandonment. This is a state law that applies to all adults in Florida over the age of 18. And, although we go over this with the AMIAS in their training, it is important that all Al-Anon members understand about this law, and have access to the information in case you have questions about it.
- Alateen is part of Al-Anon. Anything affecting Alateen also affects Al-Anon.,
- Any family member is welcome in any Al-Anon meeting, regardless of age.
- Alcoholism is a family disease. Our primary purpose, as listed in Tradition 5 is to: "Practice the 12 Steps of AA ourselves, give encouragement and understanding to our alcoholic relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics."

There is nothing to be afraid of regarding this statute. It is simply information. And as we know from our work with Knowledge Based Decision Making, having all the necessary information allows and encourages us to make the most informed decisions we can.

Please, let me know how I may help you with Alateen!

Sincerely yours in service,

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