

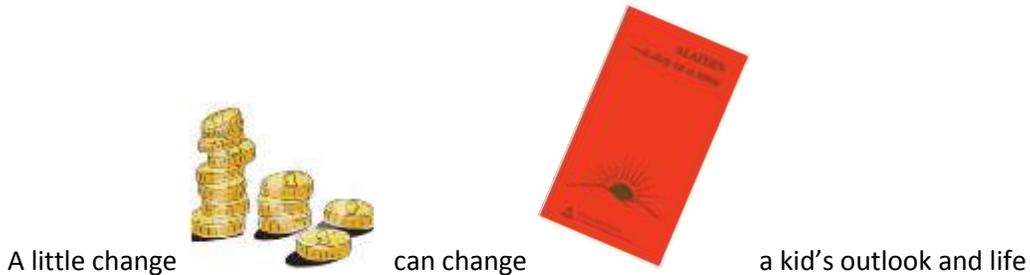
Assembly May 2016 Alateen and AAPP Report

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First, a big thank you to all our AMIAS, Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service,
AND a big thank you to all those that SUPPORT our young people, Alateens and AMIAS!

You do *not* have to be an AMIAS to do the very important service of reaching out and letting someone know that there is a program to help young people that have been touched by another's drinking. If there are no Alateen meetings nearby, please invite them to Al-Anon. The feelings and solutions are the same. However, just as we appreciate meeting with our peers, so do young people: This is where the ALATEEN CONFERENCE comes in. When you, your group and district invite and support getting kids to Conference, you are doing Twelfth Step work. Introducing these children to others that share their experience, strength and hope can open a new world of choices.

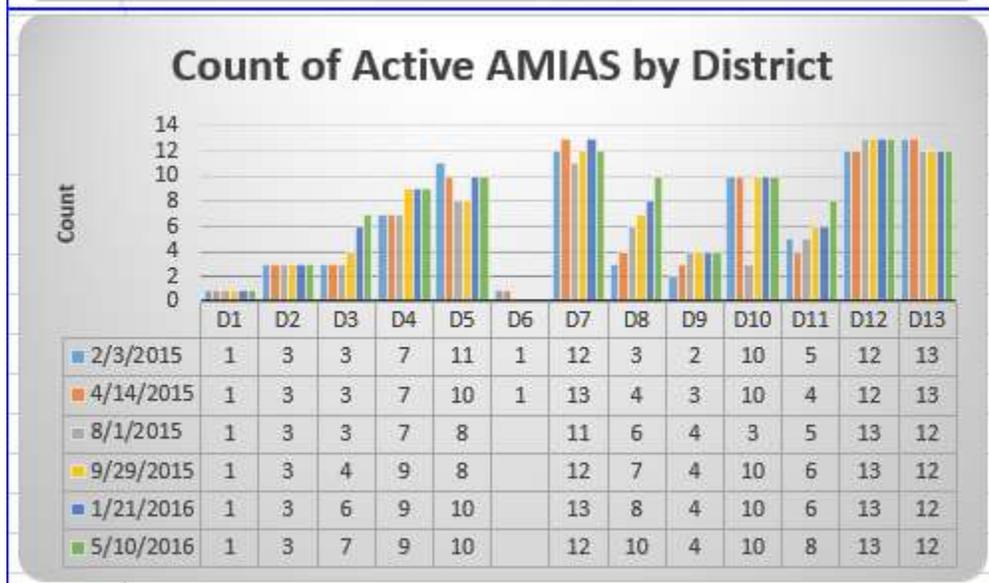
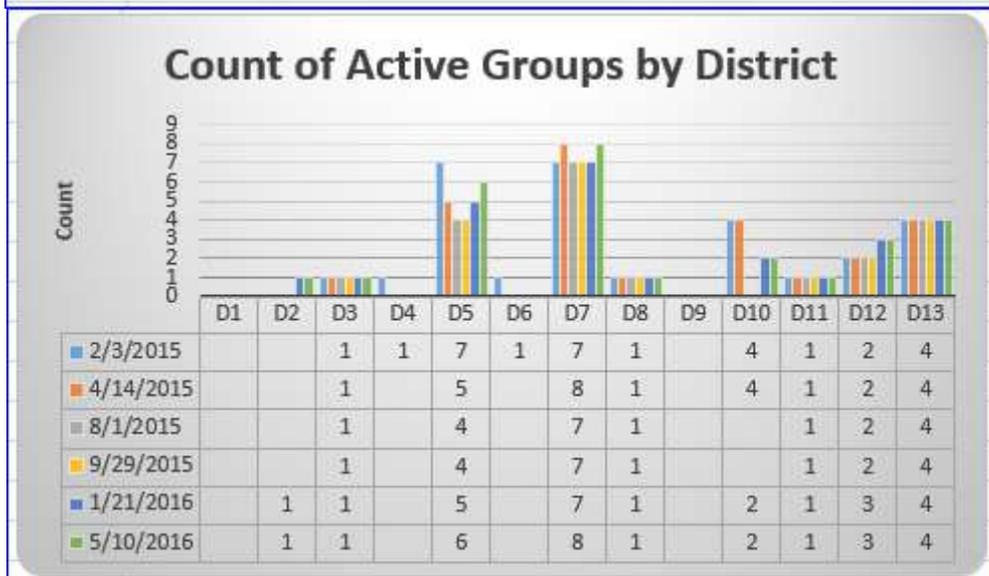
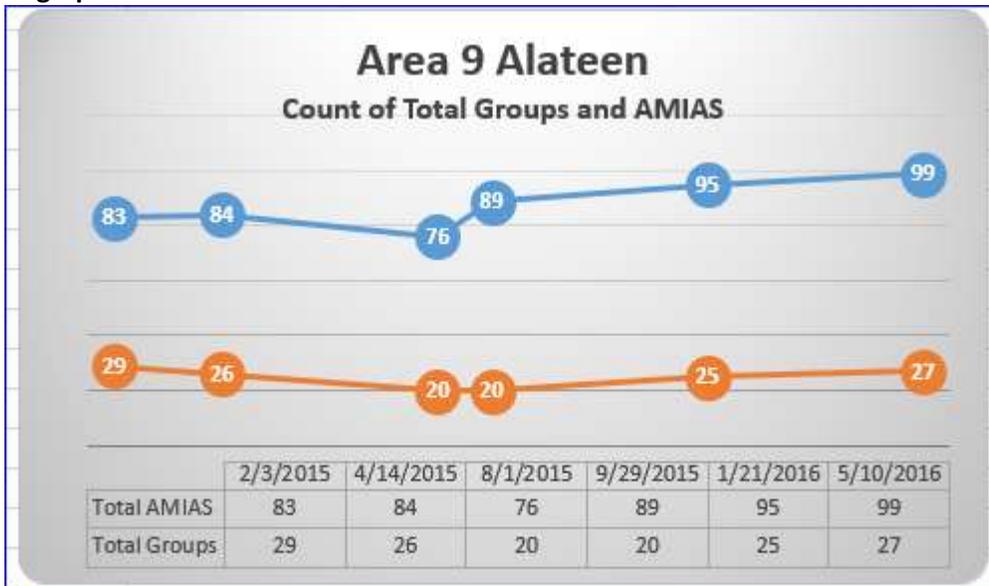
Change a life, Change the world, Get some kids to the Alateen Conference July 29-31



Here is an overview of our Alateen Groups by District:

Status	Dist	GroupID	GroupName	AgeRange	#Members	RegisteredDate	AnnualUpdateDate	MeetingAddr1
Active	0002	66335	Super Alateen Dolphin Riders		5	05/28/2002		Unity Of Gainesville
Active	0003	30533586	Orange Park Alateen	8-18	1	03/09/2009	05/05/2015	St Giles Presbyterian Church
Active	0005	30522596	Alateen	13-18	8	06/26/2008		Springstead High School
Active	0005	30565687	Alateen	14-18	7	09/15/2010		Central High School
Active	0005	30584111	A Step Forward Alateen		0	08/10/2011		Weeki Wachee High School
Active	0005	30604707	Sunnyside To Recovery Alateen		14	09/05/2012	05/11/2016	Crystal River High School
Active	0005	30661046	New Beginnings Alateen	15-18	5	09/30/2015	05/11/2016	Renaissance Center
Active	0005	30670880	You Are Not Alone Alateen	13-15	5	04/26/2016	05/11/2016	St Vincent Depaul Catholic Church
Active	0007	501921	Palm Harbor - Dunedin Alateen Group	12-20	8	01/05/2005	05/05/2015	St Mark Lutheran Church
Active	0007	501924	Northeast Teens For Hope		10	01/05/2005	04/28/2016	Northeast High School
Active	0007	501925	Grateful Alateens	12-15	12	01/05/2005	04/28/2016	Meadowlawn Middle School
Active	0007	30511509	St Petersburg Serenity Alateen	14-17	10	09/17/2007	04/28/2016	St Petersburg High School
Active	0007	30521486	Alateen	10-17	1	05/27/2008	04/28/2016	Oakhurst United Methodist Church
Active	0007	30616780	Beacon Of Hope Alateen	13-16	3	05/02/2013	05/13/2015	Christ Lutheran Church
Active	0007	30652819	Safe Haven Alateen	15-17	5	04/06/2015		Dixie Hollins High School
Active	0007	30671151	Eleven And Eleven Alateen	11-18	5	05/02/2016		St Catherine Of Siena Church
Active	0008	63253	Cope With Hope Alateen	10-16	8	04/05/1999	05/11/2016	Grace Lutheran Church
Active	0010	502075	Hope For Serenity Alateen	9-18	10	02/04/2005	05/05/2015	Life Source Church
Active	0010	502763	Courage To Be Me Alateen	15-17	8	09/12/2005	04/28/2016	Olympia High School
Active	0011	501731	Young Hearts Alateen	9-17	0	10/29/2004	05/11/2016	Faith Lutheran Church
Active	0012	50219	Together We Can Make It Alateen	10-18	10		10/19/2011	Woodland Community Church
Active	0012	30532163	Alateen	10-16	7	02/04/2009	05/20/2015	Christ Episcopal Church
Active	0012	30663873	Alateen		0	12/04/2015		Booker High School
Active	0013	66145	Life Line Alateen	14-18	12	03/28/2002	04/28/2016	Lemon Bay High School
Active	0013	67096	Venice High School Alateen	15-18	14	02/24/2003	05/29/2014	Venice High School
Active	0013	30519370	Step In The Right Direction Alateen	9-14	4	04/02/2008	05/05/2015	St Marks Church
Active	0013	30540647	Alateen Stitches		6	07/28/2009	04/28/2016	St Davids Episcopal Church
			DEACTIVATION ALERT!! Any group in red does NOT currently have an AMIAS that is fully Certified for 2016. PLEASE arrange your Training and get Background checked					About half the groups have sent in their Annual Update form. Thanks!
							About half our groups are in Schools About half are in Churches HOW ABOUT STARTING a group in a Children's Home Mall Community Room Homeless Shelter...	

Here are the regular graphs:



WSO ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION -- DEADLINE LOOMS

A confidential detailed report of who needs Training and who needs a Background Check to retain their AMIAS status has been sent separately to the Area 9 and AMIAS mailing lists.

REPEAT FROM THE FEBRUARY REPORT & EMAIL:

HEADS UP! Request all AMIAS Re-trainings shift to First Quarter of each year

There are several reasons for this, the main one being that while FL-N has used a year round schedule, WSO actually requires the AAPP to get all recertification of their requirements before July 1 every year. **Timing the Re-Trainings to click with the WSO calendar will save the AAPP hundreds of hours a year. In addition, when everyone is re-trained in first quarter then finding a training and hearing answers to questions will all be easier. This also means there will be no more need to track anyone's training due date!** Of course, a new AMIAS can get their initial training any time.

Trainers, please contact your local AMIASs and schedule a training or two. Let me know where and when. I will get the schedule posted so people can find one nearby. We can also do online training for those comfortable with Google Hangouts. Last, as the recertifications come in, I will spend second quarter arranging new Background Checks for those that need them.

From WSO:

July 1st is the final deadline, all recertifications must be completed by this date, and no extension will be granted. Any Area whose recertification is not complete on July 1st will be considered to have **NO CERTIFIED AMIAS, AND ALATEEN GROUPS CANNOT MEET IN YOUR AREA.** Areas are encouraged to start working on their recertification early and have it completed by **June 15th**. This will give time to the Area to resolve any pending issue so the July 1st deadline can be met.

So, if a single AMIAS is not marked as Certified or Inactivated then EVERY SINGLE AMIAS and GROUP get shut down on July 1. *Please, please, as requested Feb 4 and Apr 6, get your paperwork and background checks done without having the AAPP do double and triple work.* Thank you sincerely.

For your Thought and Consideration

WSO completely separates its POLICIES (What is to be done) from its PROCEDURES (How things are to be done)

The WSO Alateen Policy is about 800 words. It has changed *once* since approved in 2004 and the change was only for capitalization and punctuation. (<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members/2003-alateen-motion>)

The WSO Alateen Procedures are spread about their website and *updated anytime* as needed. There is no vote when titles, steps, urls or graphics are changed. There was no vote for what day WSO would switch from taking paper forms to electronic forms. **Procedure changes fall under the autonomy of the Trusted Servants.**

The current Area Alateen document is under review. It combines Policy and Procedures together so it has needed many changes. The Trusted Servants have no autonomy, any change is supposed to go through a thought and task force.

Let us consider the benefits of moving procedure responsibilities to the Position Descriptions and having the Safety and Behavioral Requirements mirror the WSO Policy document. It would look more like this:

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS AREA 9 FLORIDA NORTH POLICY
Safety and Behavioral Requirements
For all Alateen Members and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service

I. Purpose

It is AFG Area 9's goal to do Twelfth Step outreach and bring Alateen recovery to as many young people as possible by providing a safe environment for Alateens and the Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS).

II. Resolution

1. Any meeting, group, convention, or any other gathering in the Area must meet the minimum requirements of this Policy to use the Al-Anon or Alateen name.
2. AMIAS and Alateen members must adhere to this Policy, or the Area will notify the WSO that those members are prohibited from participating in Alateen service.
3. The Area must have a procedure to certify to the WSO by the annual WSO deadline that each AMIAS meets the requirements of this policy and has agreed to abide by them.
4. The Area will only register Alateen groups that comply with this Policy. The Area will request WSO remove from its registration list any Alateen group that does not comply with this policy, regardless of the group's current registration status.

III. Minimum Requirements

1. Every AMIAS must:
 - a. be at least 23 years old
 - b. be an active Al-Anon member for at least the last three years
 - c. regularly attend at least one Al-Anon meeting a week in addition to any Alateen meetings
 - d. not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members
 - e. not have been convicted of a felony
 - f. not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior
 - g. agree to get a Background Check when requested by the Area
 - h. attend an annual Area approved Training
 - i. complete an AMIAS certification form at least annually or at the Area's request
 - j. understand that name and contact information may be shared with those interested in Alateen
 - k. notify District and Area of any change in qualifications or contact information
 - l. step away from Alateen service without question at the Area's request
 - m. if an Alateen Group Sponsor, send Group Record Change Forms to Area as needed
2. There must be at least one AMIAS at every Alateen meeting, two are suggested
3. There must be no overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member
4. There must be no conduct contrary to applicable law

5. For any event, Area approved information, permission and medical forms must be completed when an AMIAS will have direct responsibility for an Alateen. The forms are to be completed for each separate event
6. Any District Safety and Behavioral Requirement must comply with this Policy at minimum
7. The Area Delegate will submit the Area Alateen Process Form to WSO that identifies the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
8. This Policy must be reviewed by local counsel at the direction of the Area Executive Board

IV. Guidelines

- Be familiar with and apply the Area Policies and Procedures, the WSO Alateen Service e-Manual and applicable WSO Guidelines
- Remember, every Alateen member is an AI-Anon member and welcomed at every meeting
- Though an AMIAS may be alone with an Alateen, a non-parent/guardian may not, and all AI-Anon members will make every effort to avoid one-on-one interactions with an Alateen
- All contact between Alateens and AMIAS members is to be gender conscious
- All AMIAS shall make a commitment to provide morally instructive modeling of touch, behavior and supervision to Alateen members
- It is good practice for each AI-Anon group to do Twelfth Step outreach for Alateen *because youngsters do not have the financial nor travel independence of adults*. A group can provide AMIAS Alateen Group Sponsors, Backup Sponsors, Drivers, and Meeting Sponsors for one-time Events, etc. However, the best outreach is when a group helps get prospective and current Alateen members to meetings and events. Just as we spend funds for a health fair to carry our message, we may scholarship youngsters to an event so they can find out first-hand that they are not alone and that we have tools that can bring serenity.
- The Area Website will contain current forms and links pertaining to Alateen
- The Procedures for implementing this Policy will be the responsibility of the Area Alateen Coordinator and the AAPP

V. Suggested Procedures

- Background Check - Procedure written and implemented by the AAPP
- AMIAS Certification - Form and procedure written and implemented by the AAPP
- Training - Procedure written and implemented by the Area Alateen Coordinator
- Information and Permission Form – Use form from WSO Guidelines or an event specific form
- Medical Form – Use form from WSO Guidelines or an event specific form