

Thought Force Topic: Alateen AMIAS

Background Info: Lots of work is going in to the process for becoming AMIASes including looking at the Requirements, the Forms and how often Background Checks should be taken. You will get information from the Area Alateen Process Person.

Charge: Brainstorm ideas around communication, process and issues that come up for AMIASes in particular. Our AAPP has lots of ideas to go over, perhaps you do too.

This is not a decision-making group. This is an idea group! Please think outside the box, come up with ideas that can go to a Task Force for further discussion and action.

Five KBDM Questions

1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?
 - consistent information to people (3)
 - help with transportation issues (7)
 - concerns about how often to do Background Checks (9)
 - communication and encouragement to alleviate fears
 - we need more Group Sponsors
 - I think we should have training every year
 - We should revise trainings to include sharing and growth
 - All districts are allowed to attend any other District's training session
 - Need more trainers
 - Can we reach out to AA groups for support
 - Snowbird AMIASes can be a problem
 - Standardize the training
 - Teens need to run the meetings

2. What do we know about our resources (finances, member participation, etc) that is relevant to this topic?
 - need more verbal training, not just things on paper
 - travel distance for training can be a problem
 - should the District pay for literature at a school meeting?
 - What do do about kids not being able to fund themselves
 - Al-Anon Groups support Alateen Groups and District supports Alateen Events
 - We need to reach out to Area
 - Our District started a scholarship for Alateens
 - We need to know what the resources are so that we can go to them
 - I think we need to simplify the requirements and the training
 - Ideally an Al-Anon meeting will finance (support) an Alateen meeting
 - Some Al-Anon Groups don't know they are sponsoring Alateen mtgs

- Experienced AMIAS working with outside entities is the best thing for alanon
3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc) and our fellowship's environment (technology, geography, demographic, etc) that is relevant to this topic?
- Could we do online training? (8)
 - We need AMIAS "best practices" (3)
 - Kids are more advanced in technology than we are (5)
 - Meeting locations are an issue (3)
 - We are in denial about how members feel about Alateen
 - Alateen and AAPP Coordinators can travel to different Districts as a way to communicate
 - POSSE – Process Of Sponsors Sharing Everything
 - Can we use role-playing in the training?
 - Can we post training dates on the website or other central place?
 - Email is a necessity
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4. What are the ethical implications of our choices – what are the pros and cons? Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?
- it is definitely in our spiritual principles to be supportive of AMIASes
 - we need some kind of form to prove people are actual group members
 - depends on the choice – I am confused by the question
 - our decisions will be guided by our spiritual principles
 - "Celebrate AMIAS" on a badge or nametag
 - At Assembly share "Best Practices" with other AMIASes.
 - Stick by state laws
5. What do we wish we knew, but don't? (use the back if necessary)
- can we have a meeting at Assembly to discuss issues, to increase awareness of Alateen
 - how to attract teens (11)
 - I'm new to Alateen sponsorship, and don't know where to start.

- What are some of the ways the background checks can be used to help us?
Can they notify of subsequent arrests?
- Concentrate on teens