

ALATEEN REPORT

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THANK YOU, Panel 61 for this amazing opportunity of serving as your Area Alateen Coordinator. It has been nine months and I have experienced every emotion available to me! The greatest, however, is my emotional growth in this role and the gratitude you all show me.

Cindy J, Area 9 AAPP, and I have been working very closely with each other during this first year of Panel 61 to train, certify, and recertify AMIASs (AI-Anon Members in Alateen Service) as well as recertifying the Area for Alateen. There have been seven virtual FRESH (Forms Resources Experience Strength & Hope) events held since January. The next is Oct 15, 2021. During these events not only do members receive the AMIAS training, but each event provides the opportunity to share with one another their wonderful and sometimes challenging experiences working in Alateen. I have found a very loving, close knit family among the Alateen Support members in Area 9!!

The following suggested script was designed by a group of alateen Coordinators around the country for use in AI-Anon Family Group Meetings, should they wish to include it in the meeting format:

ALATEEN, part of the AI-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 AI-Anon. There are options for face-to-face and electronic meetings.

The feedback from some groups who have elected to use it is very positive and they feel it is helping to spread awareness of the Alateen Program.

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 AMIASs.

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 AMIASs 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.

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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