

Module I

Area 9 AMIAS Training Meeting the Requirements

Overview of Alateen Service

Florida North - Area 9

Panel 61 - 2021



Alateen is. . .

- ...part of Al-Anon Family Groups.
- ...a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism in a family member or close friend.

(from the Alateen Suggested Preamble)

Alateen is not...

- A program for young people seeking sobriety.
 - A therapy program.
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Alateen Includes...

- Alateen members
 - Area-certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to serve as Alateen Group Sponsors
 - Alateen Group Meetings
 - Resources to Alateen:
 - Supportive Al-Anon groups & members
 - Supportive local service arms (Districts)
 - Area trusted servants
 - World Service Office (WSO)
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Alateen Members

- Are members of Al-Anon Family Groups who are seeking recovery from the effects of someone else's drinking.
- Share their experience, strength, and hope with each other.
- Are generally teenagers; may include younger family members.



2003 Alateen Motion

- Required Areas to set safety and behavioral requirements for all Alateens and all Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS).
 - These requirements apply to all use of the Al-Anon or Alateen name in conjunction with any meetings, groups, conventions, or any other gatherings in the Area where Alateen participation is offered.
 - More information on Alateen safety is posted in the “Alateen Service e-Manual” on the WSO Members’ Web site, www.al-anon.org/members.
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Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)

- Is an Al-Anon member who is directly responsible for Alateens while being of service to Alateen.
 - Each Area clearly defines what roles that involves.
 - “Instant” or backup Alateen Group Sponsors must have completed certification through the Area Process.
 - All AMIAS have been certified by their Al-Anon Area.
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Safety and Behavioral Requirements

1. Every Al-Anon member involved with Alateen service must:

- be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings.
 - be at least 21 years old.
 - have at least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen.
 - not have been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.
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Safety and Behavioral Requirements (cont'd)

2. There must be at least one Alateen Group Sponsor at every Alateen meeting.

Our Area Requirements:

3. prohibit overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.
 4. prohibit conduct contrary to applicable laws.
 5. contain forms for medical and parental permission
 6. are reviewed by local counsel and continue to be updated
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FL N Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements

- FL N requires Background Checks. These procedures are administered by the AAPP
- We use the FDLE VECCHS program
 - and keep a list of disqualifying offenses
- FL N requires Annual Training and Recertification. These are available online.
- FL N requires all members who are in direct contact with teens to become a Certified AMIAS.



Trusted Servants in the Area Alateen Process

- Area Alateen Coordinator - [Eleanor J. Alateen-61@AFGArea9.org](mailto:Eleanor.J.Alateen-61@AFGArea9.org)
- Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) - [Cindy J AAPP-61@AFGArea9.org](mailto:Cindy.J.AAPP-61@AFGArea9.org)
- District Representative/Alateen Chair - who is yours?



AMIAS

FL N Area Certification Process

Contact your District Rep or District Alateen Chair

Register for one of the Online FRESH Trainings

Download all necessary forms as listed:

- Area 9 AMIAS Certification Form
 - VECHS Waiver Form
 - Area 9 Group Sponsor Form (if you are the Sponsor for an Alateen Group)
 - Medical Forms
 - Attend and complete Training and FRESH
 - Mail in VECHS Form
 - Send in completed Certification Forms
 - Update any contact information immediately with the AAPP
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AMIAS - FL N

Background Check Info

- VECHS process includes fingerprints and Waiver
 - Disqualifying Offenses for our Area
 - One check per panel
 - Updated Contact information is required for remaining as a Certified AMIAS.
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Alateen Group Sponsors



- Are necessary to have an Alateen meeting.
 - Provide support and encouragement to the Alateen group as a whole.
 - Maintain accurate contact information on Area forms
 - Avoid one-on-one interactions.
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Alateen Personal Sponsors

- Alateens are encouraged to ask another Alateen member to be their personal Sponsor, with whom they can discuss personal problems and program questions.
- Just as in Al-Anon, Alateen personal Sponsorship is a peer-to-peer relationship.



Alateen Resources

In the District

- **District Representative**
- **District Alateen support team**
- **Other AMIAS in your District, and neighboring Districts.**



Alateen Resources

In the Area

- Area Trusted Servants
 - Alateen Coordinator - Eleanor J.
Alateen-61@AFGArea9.org
 - Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) - Cindy J
AAPP-61@AFGArea9.org
 - Area Alateen Requirements
 - Area Alateen Process
 - Area Alateen Workshops
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Alateen Resources

World Service Office

- Alateen Service e-Manual on the Members' Web site, al-anon.org/members, including guidelines:
 - *Alateen Safety Guidelines* (G-34)
 - *Starting an Alateen Group* (G-19)
 - *Alateen Meetings in Schools* (G-5)
 - *Alateen Conferences* (G-16)
 - *Area Alateen Coordinators* (G-24)
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Responsibility Statement

“AMIAS are to provide direction to assure that emphasis is placed on the Al-Anon/ Alateen program of recovery and, to the best of their ability, maintain an atmosphere that will protect the Alateen members from physical and emotional harm.”

*The Responsibility Statement can be found on the WSO Alateen **Safety Guideline, G-34**, available on the Members' Web site, al-anon.org/members.*

Safety Checklist

Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service:

- Work their own Al-Anon program.
- Use their personal and service Sponsors.
- Participate in local/Area Al-Anon/Alateen events.
- Avoid one-on-one interactions with Alateens.
- Know when to step down as an Alateen Group Sponsor.
- Attend district and Area service meetings whenever possible.
- Participate in Alateen Sponsor Workshops.
- Stay informed—connect with the Area Alateen Coordinator.
- Use all their resources!

Talk to each other, reason things out with someone else...