

Alateen Training Module III

Alateen Events

SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 10



Types of Events with Alateen Participation

District/AIS local events

Area Assemblies and other service meetings

Al-Anon/ Alateen Conventions

A.A. Conventions with Al-Anon/ Alateen participation

Alateen Conferences

Area Service Seminars



Events with Alateen Participation

All Events with Alateen Participation must adhere to FL and local law and adhere to the **Area 10 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy. (ASBR)**

All Area documents for events with Alateen participation should note this statement.



Alateen Safety

All events using the Alateen name in the Area must have Safety and Behavioral Requirements that meet or exceed the Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Our Area document is titled **“Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy.”**

Al-Anon
guidelines
The Shared Experience of Al-Anon and Alateen Members.

Alateen Safety Guidelines

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Key Information for All Events Using the Alateen Name

There must be a connection with the Area(s) – this means events held in another Area require Area 10 approval. ***(You can't take an Alateen to an event outside the Area without this approval.)***

There must be a plan for implementing the **Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements Policy** at the event

There must be Certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)

There must be a process to confirm current AMIAS certification with Area(s). This is done by the AAPP.

Needed for All Events Using the Alateen Name

Why do we need to confirm the status of AMIAS prior to any event? Because many types of people have a WSO ID#.

It's not only currently certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS).

- Inactive AMIAS
- Ineligible AMIAS
- Group contacts
- Group Current Mailing Addresses
- Group Representatives
- District Representatives

Who has a WSO ID # ?

- Area Officers
- Area Coordinators
- Subscribers to *The Forum*
- Inmates in the Inmate Correspondence Service
- Subscribers to *Alateen Talk*
- Anyone who orders literature
- Bookstores who order literature
- Professionals on professional mailing list
- Trustees
- WSO Committee members

What Does a WSO ID # Mean?

- **A WSO ID number is not proof of certification...every individual who has business with the WSO has an ID number**, including the inmates in the Inmate Correspondence Service.
- It seems to be a common misunderstanding that the goal of certification is to obtain a WSO ID number. Being registered in the WSO database is a near-final step in the certification process, but the ID number itself has no meaning with regard to current certification.

Verification of current AMIAS certification must be obtained from your Area.

Having a WSO ID is NOT verification of current status.

Area trusted servants, **AAPP, Area Alateen Coordinator and DRs have access to view the status of AMIAS, but the AAPP is the official person to contact.**

The AAPP is the person to contact to verify AMIAS status for Area events or events outside our Area.

Area Process to Verify Certification

- Before any Area event where Alateens will be in attendance, the Area Alateen Process Person **AAPP is the primary contact who MUST** verify current certification in the WSO's On-Line Group Records and communicate this to the Event Chair or person coordinating the Alateen portion of the Event. Should the AAPP be unavailable, the Area Alateen Coordinator serves as backup.

At Alateen Events

We always...



Keep the _____ on

Al-Anon/Alateen

principles

_____.

Implementing Area Alateen Requirements at Events

Make sure the entire Area understands the Area requirements and implementation plans

Ensure 24/7 AMIAS supervision (while the AMIAS is in the care of the AMIAS and not the custodial parent.)

Procedures for dealing with problems

- Safety/health emergencies
- Behavioral/compliance problems

Permission Forms

Area 10 has approved forms for use at events. Check the Area website or consult with the Area Alateen Coordinator for the correct form.

AMIAS must have parental permission and medical forms, which are notarized, to transport an Alateen to and event, meeting etc.

District/ Local Events

Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements apply to all Al-Anon/ Alateen events.

When parents or guardians bring Alateens to an event, they are responsible for them, except for the time period the Alateens are participating in an Alateen function.

When Alateens are transported by certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), the Alateens must be in the care of certified members at all times during the event.

Area 10 Events



A Parental Permission / Travel and Medical Release form is required for any event where an Alateen will be in the care of an AMIAS, and not a parent or guardian, for any or all portion of the event.

For example, while parents are responsible for Alateens during an Area Convention, travel and medical release forms are required because during the Convention, there are Alateen workshops where the Alateens are in the care of AMIAS for some of the time. A different form is required for Alateen Conferences where the Alateen is in the care of AMIAS 24/7.

Check with the Area Alateen Coordinator if you are unsure which of the Area Approved forms to use for a specific event.

Events with Alateen Participation



The **Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy** must be followed at all these events

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Al-Anon/Alateen Conventions

Alateen is part of Al-Anon Family Groups.

Alateen participation at the Area Convention must adhere to the Area **Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy**.

It can be a shared recovery experience for all Al-Anon/Alateen members.

It's a great opportunity for Area-certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to be of service to Alateen and support the regular Alateen Group Sponsors!



Area Business Meetings

Must also follow Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy.

Including:

- Assemblies
- Area World Service Committee (AWSC)



Area 10 Al-Anon/Alateen Events

Detailed guidance and the Travel and Medical Release forms for Alateen participation in Area 10 Conventions and Alateen Conferences can be found on the Area Website in the Alateen Section. Please review them carefully if you are involved in planning any Area 10 event or are an AMIAS attending any Area 10 event.

A.A. Conventions with Al-Anon/Alateen Participation

A.A. may invite Al-Anon and Alateen to participate in its conventions or other events.

Alateen participation must adhere to the Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements.
There can be no Alateen participation if Al-Anon is not invited to participate.

The A.A. planning committee must agree to adhere to the Al-Anon Area's Requirements for Alateen participation.

AMIAS – Participation in Conventions

It is a great opportunity for Area-Certified AMIAS to assist, chair and support their fellow AMIAS during the Area Convention.

You can sign-up to serve as an AMIAS group sponsor during one of the Alateen workshops, attend or provide AMIAS training, and encourage others to consider how to do service for Alateen.

Alateen Conferences

Opportunity for Alateens and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to enhance their recovery through sharing of ideas, fun, and fellowship

Increased sharing experience with wider Alateen membership

Sometimes called roundups, conventions, or other Area-approved titles



Alateen Conferences

Must be connected to the Area in which they are held (“host Area”).

Conference requirements must meet or exceed the host Area requirements, and must be approved by the host Area.

All Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) are **required to have their Area’s approval prior to taking Alateens to Conferences or other events, particularly if the conference is outside the Area.**

A motion is made at AWSC or Assembly.

What is the purpose of the Alateen Conference?

Alateen Conferences are often the high point of the Alateen members' year—these fellowship events allow Alateens to connect with others from outside their immediate circle, to connect with a wide range of recovering young people.

Why are Alateen Conferences Important?

First and foremost, Alateen Conferences are a recovery experience for Alateens. The Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) are there to help the teens have this experience. Both Alateens and the AMIAS involved will increase their understanding of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and other tools of recovery.

Why are Alateen Conferences Important?

A secondary benefit is the opportunity for Alateen Group Sponsors and other AMIAS to share with and support each other. We want the focus to be on having a safe weekend of fellowship, recovery, and fun, keeping the focus on Al-Anon/Alateen principles.

Alateen Conferences

Two Types:

NYNAC

MA
C

SCAC

TEAAC

Area Alateen Conference

- Is connected to only one Area and the Area's requirements are adhered to.

Multi-Area and Regional Conference

- Is connected to two or more Areas.
- Is a collaborative effort of the Areas involved.
- Must meet the Requirements of the Area in which it is held

ESAC

Multi-Area Alateen Conferences

Each Area must approve its members' participation.

The Conference requirements must be approved by the Area in which the event is held.

The Areas collaborate on the processes for implementation of Alateen requirements.

Each Area may be represented on the planning committee, or they may rotate this responsibility.

KOMIAC

Multi-Area Alateen Conferences

Conference requirements must meet or exceed the requirements of the Area in which it is held, and must be approved by that Area.

MEAC

ESAC

Midlake

KOMIAC

Alateen Conferences

Most are closed, for Alateens and certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) only.

An Alateen Conference with an open meeting(s) needs to have:

- a process to identify the Area-certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service
- a safety plan to insure that Alateens are always in the care of the Area-certified AMIAS present



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Area 10 Alateen Conference

Refer to the documents on the Area Website regarding Alateen conferences.

REMEMBER: During Alateen Conferences, the AMIAS who brought the Alateens, are responsible for the safety of the Alateens 24 hours a day.

Al-Anon/Alateen Literature and other Materials

Area 10 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Policy (ASBR)

Alateen Conferences guideline (G-16)

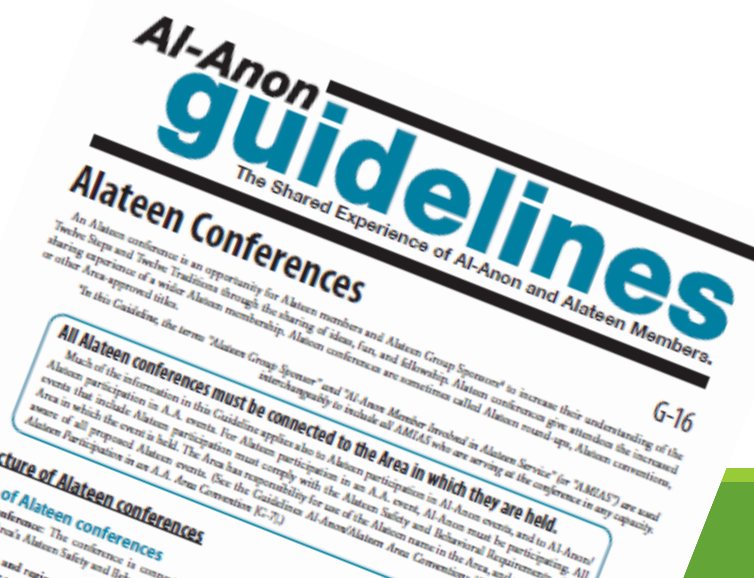
Alateen Safety Guidelines (G-34)

Cooperation between Al-Anon and A.A. guideline (G-3)

Members Interested in Speaking guideline (G-1)

Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual
(P-24/27)

Alateen E-manual



Wrap Up

Contact for questions

- Alateen Area Coordinator – Nancy W.
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- Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) – Joanne H.
AAPP@afgfls.com
- Districts can insert their contact name, phone, & e-mail here for their Alateen Chairperson and their **District Representative**.

Wrap Up

Alateen Conferences and other recovery events can enhance the Alateen experience.

Planning these events takes care and understanding of your Area Alateen Requirements which are delineated in the **Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy (ASBR)** as well as other policies and guidelines.

The principles of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service should be practiced in all aspects of Alateen events.

Enjoy!