

Alateen Training Module IV

Part C:

Understanding the Area Alateen Requirements and Process
Minimizing Challenges

Challenges with the Area Alateen Requirements and Process

Florida South Area 10 has established a Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy that meet or exceed the minimums set in the 2003 Alateen Motion from the WSO Board of Trustees.

All use of the Alateen name in the Area must be in compliance with the Area Requirements.

When Al-Anon members are not in compliance with the **Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy (ASBR)**, it creates a challenge for the Area.

Area Alateen Process

Area Requirements

“...if an Area within the World Service Conference Structure uses the Al-Anon or Alateen name in conjunction with any meeting(s), group(s), convention(s), or any other gathering(s) in the Area where Alateen participation is offered, the Area must have Safety and Behavioral Requirements for all Alateen Members and A-Anon members Involved in Alateen Service.

These safety and behavioral requirements must meet the minimum requirements of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.” **Our Alateen Area Safety and Behavior Guidelines Policy meets these requirements.**

(2003 Alateen Motion)

Area Alateen Process

Area Requirements

In Area 10, these safety and behavioral requirements are found in the document **titled “Area 10 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy (ASBR)”**

This document, as well as supporting documents, are found on the Area website:

Southfloridaal-anon.org

Area Alateen Process

Area Requirements and Area Processes

In order to use the Alateen name, Alateen groups must be currently registered with WSO and in compliance with the **Area 10 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy (ASBR)**. **You must follow it.**

Area Alateen Process

Minimum Requirements

In addition to minimum requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), the 2003 Alateen Motion set the following minimums:

- There must be at least one Alateen Group Sponsor at every Alateen meeting.
- The Area Requirements (ASBR) must prohibit overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.*

Area Alateen Process

Minimum Requirements

- The Area requirements must prohibit conduct contrary to applicable laws.
- The Area requirements must contain procedures for parental permission and medical care when applicable.
- The Area requirements must be reviewed by local counsel.

Area Alateen Process

Area Requirements

Every AMIAS and other trusted servants, such as the members of the AWSC should become very familiar with the contents of the **Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirement Policy (ASBR)**.

**The AWSC is comprised of District Representatives, Al-Anon Information Service Liaisons, Area Coordinators, Area Officers, Convention Chairpersons and other appointed positions.

Area Alateen Process

Alateen Groups

Alateen groups must have **at least one certified** AMIAS serving as Alateen Group Sponsor at each meeting .
Two are recommended – this helps assure the safety of the AMIAS.

Alateens are members of Al-Anon Family Groups and are always welcome at Al-Anon meetings. When no Alateen Group Sponsor is available, Alateens can attend an Al-Anon meeting that meets at the same time and place.

Area Alateen Process

Alateen Groups

The AMIAS / the District Representative or other district trusted servant such as District Alateen Chair must promptly update Alateen group information whenever any change is made. **Note that a change in Sponsor or CMA must be updated immediately**, as groups do not qualify for registration without active AMIAS in these service roles.

The form is can be obtained from the Area Alateen Process Person. The AAPP will also notify the DR of any changes.

Area Alateen Process

WSO and Area Annual Recertification

The 2003 Alateen Motion states, “...each Area must have a process to certify, and must so certify to the WSO annually, that each Al-Anon member involved with Alateen service has met the Area’s Safety and Behavioral Requirements and has agreed to abide by them.”



Area Alateen Process

Area Real-Time Certification Process

A State and National Criminal History check is conducted on each AMIAS applicant.

The Area pays a fee for each AMIAS fingerprints to be retained on-file by the FDLE. The AAPP will be notified of any Florida arrest or conviction. This provides “real-time” monitoring of any arrest or conviction.

The Area pays a fee for a National Criminal History check conducted every **5th** year, utilizing the fingerprints maintained on-file with the FDLE.

Area Alateen Process

Alateen events



Any event using the Alateen name must be in compliance with the Area **“Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements Policy (ASBR)”**.

Any event using the Alateen name is connected to the Area in which it is held.

Any open meetings at events including Alateens have a safety plan to ensure that the Alateens are always in the care of certified AMIAS or a parent.

When Alateens attend an event with their parent/guardian, the parent/guardian is responsible for their children before and after Alateen meetings and scheduled Alateen events.

Area Alateen Process

Alateen events



Alateen Conferences

Al-Anon/Alateen Conventions

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

Roundups, fundraisers, open houses

Area Service Seminars

For each type of event, consider:

- Who is responsible and when?
- What parental permission forms, if any, are required
- What are the Area requirements

See Module III for more detail on Alateen Events.

Minimizing challenges

Have more than one Alateen Group Sponsor at each meeting.

Set behavioral guidelines for the meeting with the Alateens. Review them frequently.

Encourage Alateens to police themselves.

Set boundaries with the Alateens.

Don't accept unacceptable behavior.

Seek support from others:

- AMIAS, Alateen Group Sponsors
- Al-Anon group(s)
- District and Area Trusted Servants

Participate in local/Area Al-Anon/Alateen events.

Have a burnout prevention plan!



Minimizing Challenges

Supportive Al-Anon groups:

Are a source of certified AMIAS as backup Alateen Group Sponsors

Welcome teens to their meeting

Let the group know that Alateen is available

Encourage their members to bring their children to Alateen

See Module I: Alateen Overview



Minimizing Challenges

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Remember your resources

We are never alone in Al-Anon/Alateen...we have:

Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of Service

Other certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service

Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements Policy & Area Alateen Process documents / forms

Conference Approved Literature & service tools

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

Alateen guidelines

The links of service: district/Area trusted servants

World Service Office

Alateen Service e-Manual on the Members' Web site: al-anon.org/members

Wrap Up

Area Contacts:

Area Alateen Coordinator: Nancy W. alateen@afgfls.org

Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP): Joanne H.
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Contact for questions [may be DR]

[Each district should insert a Contact name, phone, e-mail]

Wrap up

We are never alone in Alateen Service...talk to each other, reason things out with someone else...

Use the resources available



We are all responsible...

From the *Alateen Safety Guidelines* (G-34):

“Before recovery can take place, an environment of trust and safety must exist. It is the responsibility of Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole to work together to maintain a healthy, loving, and supportive environment.”