


Alateen Training Module IV

Dealing with Challenges in Alateen

Part C:

Understanding the Area Alateen Requirements and Process
Minimizing Challenges



Challenges with the Area Alateen Requirements and Process

- All Areas have established Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements 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, it creates a challenge for the Area.
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Area Alateen Process

WSO 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 Al-Anon members involved in Alateen service. These safety and behavioral requirements must meet the minimum requirements of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.”

(2003 Alateen Motion)



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**.
 - The procedures for applying the Area 10 Requirements are outlined in the **Area Alateen Process**.
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Area Alateen Process

WSO 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 must **prohibit overt or covert sexual interaction** between any adult and Alateen member.*
 - 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**.
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Area Alateen Process

Area Requirements

Refer to Module 1

The additional Area 10 requirements are spelled out there in detail.

Area Alateen Process

Alateen Groups

- Alateen groups must have at least **one** certified AMIAS serving as Alateen Group Sponsor at each meeting..
 - 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.
 - Alateen groups promptly update their group information whenever a 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.
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Area Alateen Process

WSO Annual Recertification REQUIREMENT

- 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 10 Recertification Process

- A State and National Criminal History check is conducted on each AMIA Applicant.
 - AMIAS fingerprints are retained on-file by the FDLE, and the AAPP will be notified of any Florida arrest or conviction.
 - A National Criminal History check is conducted every 5th year, utilizing the fingerprints maintained on-file with the FDLE.
 - An AMIA Update or re-certification is conducted by the WSO through your District every year.
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Area Alateen Process

Alateen events



- Any event using the Alateen name must be in compliance with the Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements.
 - 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 insure 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.
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Area Alateen Process

Alateen events



- Alateen Conferences
- Al-Anon/Alateen Conventions
- A.A. Conventions with Al-Anon/ Alateen participation
- Roundups, fundraisers, openhouses
 - Whose responsibility is it?
 - 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!
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Minimizing Challenges

Supportive Al-Anongroups:

- 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

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 & Area Alateen Process
 - 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 Manual on the Members' Website: al-anon.org/members
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Wrap Up

Contact for questions

- At District level contact either D.R. or AISL
 - Area Alateen Coordinator:
 - Stu D. alateen@afgfls.com.
 - Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP):
 - Kathy H. aapp@afgfls.com
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Wrapup

- We are never alone in Alateen Service...talk to each other, reason things out with someone else...
- Use the resources available
- For Presenter's material, contact Area 10 Alateen Coordinator at alateen@afgfls.com.





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.”
