

AL-ANON MEMBERS INVOLVED IN ALATEEN SERVICE (AMIAS)

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Safety and Behavioral Requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved with Alateen Service

A recognized Alateen group sponsor is a responsible adult member of Al-Anon who attends Al-Anon meetings regularly and who shares his or her recovery experience gained through working the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. He or she helps the Alateens focus on the Al-Anon program. It is in sharing recovery that we provide hope for the future.

The New York South Assembly Area requires the following:

- Alateen sponsors cannot have been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.
- There must be two (2) certified AMIAS/Alateen sponsors at every Alateen meeting.
- New York South Assembly Area prohibits overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.
- All AMIAS must attend at least one training module in addition to the certification process as per the New York South Assembly Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements for AMIAS.
- All AMIAS must complete all required training modules within a year of certification.
- The AMIAS Application and Disclosure Form will be used in the certification process for background checks.
- NYS Assembly Area strongly recommends that NY State Mandated Reporters reconsider their commitment to serve as an AMIAS/Alateen Group Sponsor if they feel they are conflicted regarding required reporting.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORSHIP

EVERY Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service MUST meet the following requirements:

- a. Minimum age of 25.
- b. Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings.
- c. Be an active Al-Anon member for at least two years in addition to any time spent in Alateen.
- d. Cannot have any pending charge or convictions for any type of abusive behavior. A background check shall be performed at no cost to the applicant.

PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORMS

- a. The Committee asserts that Permission Slips and Medical Forms are not required for regular meetings, but for activities away from regular meetings, these forms are required (i.e. Conventions, workshops, bowling parties, etc.)
- b. Permission slips are required for transporting Alateens to and from events and meetings.

Groups that are not in compliance with New York South Assembly Area Requirements will not be listed on meeting lists, schedules, answering services or websites.

Every service arm must have the Safety & Behavioral Requirements as part of their By-Laws.

NEW YORK SOUTH ASSEMBLY AREA

Local (District/AIS) Alateen Coordinator Responsibilities *

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Must be a certified AMIAS according to the New York South Assembly Area Safety & Behavioral Requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS).

Serves as liaison between Area Alateen Coordinator and District/AIS AMIAS and Alateen Groups

Provides forms to Al-Anon members interested in becoming certified AMIAS

Verifies Al-Anon member is active, checks photo ID and forwards forms to Area Alateen Coordinator

Advises Area when an AMIAS steps down as an Alateen Group Sponsor OR decides not to continue as an AMIAS

Notifies district/AIS of upcoming training events and encourages participation

Oversees Alateen group registrations and submits changes to Area Alateen Coordinator for processing (also submits changes to local Intergroup/AIS)

Attends District meetings and maintains communication with District Representative, AMIAS and Alateen Group Sponsors

Works on Public Outreach projects to bring the message of Alateen to the community (ex: schools, churches, Intergroup/AIS)

Conducts regular meetings with district AMIAS to facilitate discussions, update information, discuss issues/concerns, brainstorm ideas/experiences/solutions

Responsible for working with the Area Alateen Coordinator/AAPP to complete the annual WSO re-certification for all AMIAS in their District/AIS

*must be filled by District Representative/AIS Liaison until an appointment is made

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