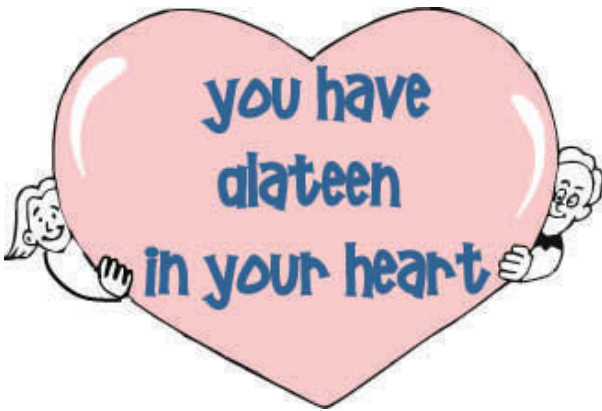


## A Special Note:

Thank you for coming and helping us nurture Alateen back to a vibrant fellowship! Your love will feed the program.

Have you been told today?






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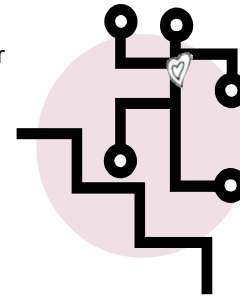
-  Contact your Group Rep or the District Rep.
-  Additional contacts can be found on the back page of the Open Lines Newsletter.
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## Warm Up

1. Alateen is for young family members and friends of alcoholics? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
2. Alateen is for young people coping with their own addictions? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
3. Alateens are members of the AI-Anon fellowship? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
4. Young people beyond their teen years can continue to attend Alateen meetings? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
5. Alateens can attend AI-Anon meetings? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
6. Alateen groups can determine age limits for their group? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
7. Younger aged Alateen groups are registered as alatot, alakid, or pre-teen groups by the WSO? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
8. AA members can sponsor an Alateen group? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
9. Dual members (members of AA and AI-Anon can be involved in Alateen service? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
10. If a dual member sponsors an Alateen group, they must have an AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service who is not a dual member? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
11. An Older Alateen member can sponsor a younger member? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_
12. It's a good idea to have the parents of Alateens as AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service? TRUE\_\_\_FALSE\_\_\_



Warm Up  
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## Encouraging Thoughts

Sponsoring an Alateen group requires commitment, knowledge of the AI-Anon program and self-awareness.



It is often said in AI-Anon that our Higher Power does not choose those who are ready, only those who are willing. Being an AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service is not easy; but then again, any *life-changing* experience never is. An AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service tells us that after becoming an AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service, they become better parents and that they understood their own childhood for the first time. Some have even said that they rediscovered their childhood wonder. If the level of commitment seems intimidating, that is mainly because it is a learning experience. There is no perfect way to be an AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service and there are no perfect AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service. Also, remember...*you are not alone!*

It seems the most successful AI-Anon members involved in Alateen service are those with previous service experience. Through service they have gained an *understanding* of the *principles* of AI-Anon, which provides an excellent foundation to share with the Alateen members. An AI-Anon member involved in Alateen service is another extension of service to our fellowship.

Excerpts taken from—N.J Area Assembly  
Alateen Coordinator  
Old Post Road, # 355  
Edison, New Jersey, 0881-4683

### Helpful Tid Bits :



- Supportive AI-Anon Member (S.A.M.)
- World Service Office (WSO)
- Ontario South Assembly (OSA)
- Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
- Police Records Check (PRC)

## 3 Roles

Complete information and forms for the SAM Certification Process and Alateen Group Registration can be obtained from the District Representative and the Area Manual on the Ontario South web site.



<http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca/areaManual/index.html>

Section 10 – Forms, Section 11 - Alateen  
**Excerpts from Ontario South Policies & Guidelines Manual, Section 11 – Alateen**

Who needs to become certified to work with Alateens?

Every Al-Anon member who participates in Alateen service work in Ontario South must be certified annually to WSO as one of Alateen's Supportive Al-Anon Members (S.A.M.), including every:

- Alateen group sponsor** (weekly, temporary, emergency or probationary)
- Alateen Co-ordinator**, (Area or District);
- Alateen Advisor** for a conference committee,
- Any Al-Anon member** who might drive Alateen members to meetings or events other than the regular Alateen meetings.



### The SAM Certification Process:

#### The Applicant:

- Contact their District Representative (DR) for WSO and OSA forms
- WSO form titled: Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service
- OSA form titled: Supportive Al-Anon Member (S.A.M.) Screening Application and Certification Form  
(**NOTE:** this is a double sided form, the back of the form has two boxes, one for the DR and one for the AAPP)
- Obtain Police Records Check (PRC)
- Submit filled-out forms and PRC (in signed, sealed envelope) to DR



## 4 Clarifying the Process

### The District Representative:

- Sign the back of the OSA form
- Submit all forms and PRC to Area Alateen Process Person
- Inform applicant of the results of certification (following completion of the process)



### The Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP):

- Sign WSO and OSA forms
- Submit all forms to World Service Office
- Send Police Record Check (PRC) to OSA Lawyer
- Record the applicant as certified Supportive Al-Anon Member (S.A.M.) once advised of successful PRC by Lawyer
- Inform DR of the results of certification (following completion of the process)

### Appropriate conduct within the Alateen Program

#### There must:

1. be at least ONE Al-Anon sponsor present at every Alateen meeting.
2. be no conduct contrary to applicable laws. Such conduct is prohibited.
3. be no overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and any Alateen member within the Alateen program. Such conduct is prohibited.
4. be procedures for signed parental permission and medical care for Alateen members who will be in the care of an Alateen Sponsor or SAM, for any event that is not a regular Alateen meeting (held on a regular basis at a fixed location), and which may or may not involve travel to another location.



## 5 Group Process

### Group Registration Process

#### The Group:

- Contact District Representative (DR)
- Obtain required WSO Alateen Group Registration form
- Submit filled-out form to DR

#### The District Representative:

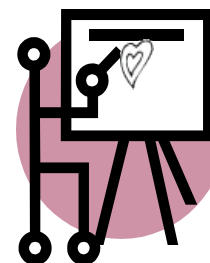
- Submit to Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)

#### The Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP):

- Submit form to World Service Office

All of these forms (certification of sponsors AND registration of groups) can be sent to the AAPP at the same time. In an effort to save time, WSO will accept these together, but will only register the group once

the proper certification has been obtained by the sponsors.



Clarifying the Process

## 6 FAQ's

**Q.** How can we get an Alateen group started in our town/city?

**A.** Make sure you have certified sponsors and register the Alateen group. Contact your District Representative for the forms you need to fill out.

**Q.** I only want to be able to drive an Alateen and help with a conference, if I fill out this form, am I making a



## 6 FAQ's Continued

commitment to a weekly meeting as an Alateen Sponsor?

**A.** You are being certified to be a Supportive Al-Anon Member (S.A.M.) in whatever capacity you have decided.

**Q.** I am a DR and applying for S.A.M. who signs for me?

**A.** You sign for yourself.

### REMEMBERS.....

1. We have been brought together by one common problem—let us concentrate on that. Alcoholism has impacted all of our lives. Lets concentrate on sharing our experience, strength and hope so we can find contentment and even happiness, whether the alcoholics are still drinking or not.
2. Let's resist the temptation to gossip, and lets discourage it in others. Especially, lets avoid hurting anyone in our group because anything that hurts one member hurts the whole group.
3. No one should take on a bossy attitude toward other members, directing the group's activities giving advice, or making decisions without consulting the others. Although members may be given responsibilities, all are equal.
4. Let's be patient with those who are slow to grasp the principles of the Alateen program. Each person progresses in his or her own way. We help each other by sharing our experience strength and hope.
5. Always remember that Alateen meetings are working sessions. Lets make the best of the time we have.
6. Keep in confidence everything that is said at meetings. If members are assured that what they tell will not be revealed outside the group, they will feel encouraged to speak freely. Knowing that "you can tell anything" to fellow Alateens will have rich rewards for all. Remember the friends that you make in Alateen are special.

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And Alateen, Hope for Children of Alcoholics ( B-3) page 102

**Answers to the True and False Questions:**

1. T
2. F
3. T
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