

Alateen Coordinators Report

AWSC Meeting

March 29, 2015

Since taking on the position of Alateen Coordinator, I can say that I have become familiar with so many great resources to assist me in performing my duties. I have taken part in several conference calls with the WSO as both the Area Alateen Coordinator as well as Area Alateen Process Person. I have become very knowledgeable of the Online Group Records program over the past two months.

As the program has taught me I can ask for help. So with that being said, I established a group made up of various group sponsors from Camillus, Binghamton, Ithaca, Fulton, the NYN Coordinator along with a couple of Alateens. As a group we first established the purpose and goals of this group.

The purpose and goals of this group is:

1. To become familiar with the guidelines set forth by World Service Organization prior to working on updating NYN Alateen Guidelines.
2. Assist in Coordinator in providing education to:
 - Current certified Alateen Sponsors
 - Potential Alateen Sponsors
 - Alateen Members,
 - As well as obtaining an understanding pertaining to reaching out and educating outside facilities and organizations about Alateen.
3. Develop a working community for the purpose of
 - growing Alateen
 - getting teens involved with service
 - increasing Alateen sponsor involvement
 - grow attendance at Alateen groups
 - build a communication between sponsors as a community by establishing a sponsor contact list and chat line.
4. Sharing our experience, strength and hope with other.
5. Work on methods to grow Alateen in areas where Alateen in not present.
6. To develop a clear understanding and educate all AMIAS of the Legal Requirements pertaining to reporting child abuse in NYN.

I also felt it necessary to do a complete review of all the guidelines established by World Service that pertains to Alateen. I feel that before I can move forward with updating or changing the NYN Alateen Guidelines and Requirements I need to become totally knowledgeable of what the WSO has set forth.

The committee started by reading the Alateen Policies published in the Al-Anon Service Manual. We had some great discussions and at the end of the session we had some very positive feedback. One sponsor for the longest time felt isolated and now feels involved. The teens expressed that they feel this will give them a voice in their program. Another one of my goals is to establish a Google chat line that we can use as a communication tool for all sponsors in NYN. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 26th in Ithaca.

I am beginning the yearly recertification process for all NYN Sponsors that must be completed by July 1, 2015. I took part in a World Service Conference Call on March 21 educating all Area Alateen Process People about the recertification process and how to make all of the necessary changes on line. Valerie Stump announced that World Service this year is allowing each AAPP person the opportunity to select another AMIAS to assist in the updating of any changes in Sponsor and Group information online. There will be a form available that must be signed by the Area Delegate and then submitted to World Service.

I thank everyone for their support and patience with me as I move forward in this position. I do know that I do not have to do this alone.

Submitted respectfully

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