

ALATEEN: What Works

What Alateens are doing in other Areas:

1. Holding Institution Alateen meetings in detention centers, through DFS, at “Breakfast Clubs” in schools, etc.
2. Having roving “meetings on wheels,” monthly pizza party and social, and other nontraditional meeting formats
3. Letting Teens do their own public outreach by sending letters to guidance counselors, etc.
4. Holding multi-state Alateen conventions (such as KOMIAC in Ohio)

What Alateen Sponsors are doing in other Areas:

1. Holding R & R for AMIIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service) to share experience, strength, and hope with each other
2. Streamlining the registration process as much as possible
3. Supporting the A2P2 (Area Alateen Process Person) with an alternate or co-coordinator

Alateen resources available from the World Service Office:

1. The WSO member’s website (www.al-anon.org/members) has an Alateen home page with all kinds of information
2. The WSO public outreach website also has a tab for Alateen with information and a link to Alateen chat rooms (www.al-anon.org). Areas are encouraged to have a link to these chat rooms on the Area website and Districts are encouraged to include this information on meeting lists
3. There will be a phone app for Alateen chat rooms sometime this summer

Some questions posed at the World Service Conference:

1. Is the original model for weekly Alateen meetings, with young parents in recovery bringing their teens to the meetings, still viable?
2. What type of meeting (face-to-face, electronic, etc.) do the teens want?
3. Are Alateens to creating their own recovery program, or are the adult Al-anon sponsors enabling the teens by instructing or rescuing them?
4. Can we really assure the safety of Alateen members with our safety and behavioral guidelines?

Questions for our Alateen members: *What is working & not working for you? How can our Area support you?*

Bring your answers and ideas to the July 11th Assembly!