

ALATEEN COORDINATOR

Educate. Learn. Educate. Learn more.

The Alateen coordinator is connected with every district in the area, as a member of the Area World Service committee and resource to Alateen services at the district level. With direct communication with the World Service Office and AFG Board of Trustees the Alateen Coordinator provides current, up-to-date information to Alateen Sponsors, AMIAS volunteers, Group and District Representatives.

Through Al-Anon Connects, Alateen Ad Hoc committees and Inside Al-Anon and AAC/AAPP quarterly meetings they gain information and fellowship with other coordinators around the United States and Canada.

Closer to home they have the support lines of Area Chair, Area Delegate and Area Alateen Process Person.

The Utah Area Alateen Coordinator leads the area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements training, coordinating with the area Alateen Process Person to maintain area certification.

It needs a hefty toolbox. But you do not need create it from scratch. And you do not need to carry it alone. You will need your Al-Anon program.

Training sessions have been roughly 1 hour at each assembly, and at several districts each year. Zoom format Ad Hoc committees every month last about 1 hour as do quarterly conference calls. Preparation for training sessions gets smoother each time and so the time needed does too. Reports at assembly and articles for Alanews are important and some time and organization is required.

Educate yourself. Become familiar with the resources for Alateen services. The Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual AND the Alateen Service e-manual. Educate yourself on the WSO Guidelines related to Alateen. Educate yourself on Alateen-specific literature (CAL of course) among our pamphlets, books, periodicals and training modules. Learn what you did not already know and renew your knowledge about what you have already learned. And then share it! Share it with Al-Anon members in both Al-Anon and Alateen.

Have I done this perfectly? No. Have I loved doing it? YES! And I believe you can too.

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