

Who will Area 61 Recognize as an Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)?

A recognized Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) is a responsible adult member of Al-Anon who attends Al-Anon regularly; and who shares his or her recovery experience gained through working the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, and 12 Concepts. They have passed Area 61's requirements for AMIAS. The AMIAS helps the Alateens to focus on the Al-Anon program. It is in sharing recovery that we provide hope for the future.

Requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service

- 1 Every Al-Anon member (including, but not limited to AMIAS, substitute AMIAS, transportation providers, etc.) involved in Alateen service must:
 - a. Attend mandatory training from Area 61 AFG before a prospective sponsor may submit an application to become an AMIAS. (9/22)
 - b. Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings. (9/22)
 - c. Be at least 23 years old.
 - d. Have at least two current, consecutive years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen. (9/22)
 - e. Not have been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members. A child abuse and criminal records background check will be required for all adults involved in Alateen Service.
- 2 There must be at least one Alateen AMIAS at every Alateen meeting.
Note: Although not currently a requirement by Area 61, we strongly suggest that each group have two AMIAS present.
- 3 The Area prohibits overt (open) or covert (secret) sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.
- 4 Any conduct contrary to applicable State of Wisconsin or State of Michigan laws is strictly prohibited by Area 61.
- 5 Area 61 requires procedures for Participating Minor Information and Permission Forms, when applicable. (See Area 61 Policy Manual for these forms.) The name of Alateen can only be used with functions in participation with or in conjunction with the structure of Area 61 Al-Anon Family/Alateen Groups. (5/17)
- 6 Every 5 years an AMIAS will be required to attend refresher training and supply fingerprints for a new background check. Area 61 will cover the cost of the background check. If there is a cost to obtain the fingerprints, the district or local Al-Anon group may be willing to cover the cost.

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