

# Rhode Island Al-Anon / Alateen

## For Families & Friends of Alcoholics

March 4, 2017

- **Rhode Island (Area 49) Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements**

These requirements are presented in addition to the WSO 'Alateen Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements' as approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2003 and affirmed by the 2004 World Service Conference

- **Who will Area 49 recognize as a sponsor / adult involved in alateen service?**

**Alateen Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS)** - An Al-anon member who is directly responsible for Alateens while being of service to Alateen. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Alateen Group Sponsors
- Substitute Alateen Sponsors
- Chaperones for Alateens
- Members transporting Alateens to and from meetings/events

Al-Anon members Involved in Alateen Service will be certified yearly through the RI Area as mandated by the WSO.

**Alateen Group Sponsor** - A person who has completed all of the requirements for Alateen service, background check requirements and has been approved through the Alateen Area Process.

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### **• Qualifications for Sponsors / Adults Involved in Alateen Service**

1. Be an Al-anon member, regularly attending Al-anon meetings
2. Minimum age of 21
3. Have at least 2 years in Al-anon, in addition to any time spent in Alateen
4. Have not been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behaviour, and not have demonstrated emotional problems, which could result in harm to Alateen members.
5. Cannot have pending civil action(s), administrative or criminal charge(s), complaint(s), allegation(s) or conviction(s) for any type of neglect, abuse, reckless endangerment of a minor. May not have any other administrative or judicial matters involving minor children, inappropriate sexual or abusive behaviour.
6. Must submit to and provide a background check every 3 years.
7. Must attend 2 out of 3 Area sponsor meetings a year
8. Must attend Area training before sponsoring a meeting (to be arranged by the Area Coordinator).

### **The following requirements apply to both Alateens and AMIAS**

9. Any overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult member and Alateen member is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Such conduct, which has the purpose or effect of substantially creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive atmosphere within the meeting. Such behavior will result in immediate termination of the service position and may be subject to administrative, civil and/or criminal penalties. Such acts may include but are not limited to:
  - Unwelcome sexual advances
  - Suggestive or lewd remarks
  - Unwanted hugs, touches, kisses or other unwanted physical

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- Requests for sexual favors
  - Retaliation for complaining about inappropriate conduct, contact statements or physical touching
  - Sexual harassment
  - Derogatory posters, cartoons, drawings, e-mail or other communications
10. Must use the parental permission slips and notarized medical forms when transporting/sponsoring teens to any authorized Alateen functions.
- a. In addition, when transporting a teen to a weekly Alateen meeting, parental permission must also be obtained (see permission form to complete).
11. Area 49 requirements prohibit conduct contrary to ALL RI State laws. (see attached)
12. There must be a **minimum** of one (1) certified AMIAS present at **every** Alateen meeting.

### Note:

Alateen groups not in compliance with RI Area 49 requirements will not be listed on the schedules, answering service or website. As specified in the Board of Trustees motion in 2003, the Area World Service Committee will notify the Director Associate - Alateen in writing and request removal of the non-compliant Alateen group. Failure to meet the area's safety and behavioral requirements, prior registration or interaction with the WSO shall not constitute *any* continuing right to use the Al-Anon or Alateen name.