

Professionals: Please let us introduce you to the *Al-Anon Family Groups*

We welcome professionals interested in learning how Al-Anon works

Our surveys indicate that professionals account for many referrals to Al-Anon and Alateen. Al-Anon Family Groups provide a safe, anonymous place for families and friends of alcoholics. We learn that alcoholism is a disease that affects the entire family. By sharing our experience strength and hope we change our attitudes. We find reading our literature and books are important elements for our recovery.

Alateen is help and hope for children of alcoholics. Their process for recovery is based on the same principles as Al-Anon. Alateen members are protected by two sponsors who have successfully passed a background check and Area criteria for their Alateen service work. Alateen members conduct their meetings. All Alateen meetings are closed, however, open to referrals of children affected by someone's drinking.

We would be happy to bring an Al-Anon meeting to your facility so clients, students and staff can observe how Al-Anon works. All Al-Anon meetings welcome anyone who has been affected by someone's drinking. In addition, the meetings listed below welcome professionals interested in observing an actual Al-Anon meeting.

Our literature is free. Please take literature of interest to you; however, there is a charge for our books.

Requests/notes:

Please introduce yourself

What you hear in the meeting and who you see are confidential and stays within the meeting you have been welcomed to attend.

We do not take notes

We do not offer advice – we share our experience, strength and hope.

Membership

If you have been affected by someone's drinking, please join us again as a potential member.

We will be available to answer your questions after the meeting. We thank you for your interest in our world-wide fellowship.

The following groups (on the reverse of this sheet) participate in our outreach to professionals:

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