

CRITERIA TO BE REFERRED BY AREA 52 AL-ANON/ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS

Using spiritual principles found in Conference Approved Literature, Area 52 Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups has developed these guidelines with the intent of encouraging unity and consistency among all its groups. These criteria have been developed to address obvious and repeated disregard for Al-Anon's spiritual principles.

Area 52 Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups will list a group providing that the Group meets the following criteria:

1. Is registered with the World Service Office
2. Holds regularly scheduled meetings
3. Abides by Al-Anon Policy found in current Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual
 - a. Only allows the use of Al-Anon tools and materials; i.e., Conference Approved Literature, current Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual, the *Forum*, etc.
 - b. Respects the anonymity of all Al-Anon members and AA members
4. Abides by the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts of Service and the Al-Anon Principles as follows:
 - a. Creates unity of purpose by keeping in mind the well-being of Al-Anon worldwide
 - b. Welcomes anyone who has a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend
 - c. Allows all members to share experience, strength and hope as equals and peers
 - d. Encourages all members to leave other affiliations outside meeting rooms
 - e. Presumes goodwill
 - f. Group members avoid the obstacles of gossip, dominance, and discussions of religion

Do Not Refer Process for Tennessee Area 52

Tennessee AFG is any Al-Anon Family Group that is registered in Tennessee Area 52 with the World Service Office.

- I. Any Al-Anon member in Tennessee Area 52 can communicate directly to the Area Chairperson and/or Delegate asking for review of any Al-Anon Family Group in Tennessee Area 52 for which there is a concern of violations of the Al-Anon Family Groups' Twelve Traditions, and/or failure to follow the spiritual intent of the Twelve Concepts of Service, stating the problem in detail.
- II. A Task Force is assigned to investigate the alleged violation(s) to confirm if there is indeed a problem.
 - a. Chairperson and/or Delegate direct the Task Force to research using written, verbal, and/or actual observation(s) of the Group.
 - b. The topic is placed on the AWSC Agenda by the Chairperson.
- III. Task Force presents to the AWSC using the communication method of their choice.
- IV. AWSC discusses the findings of the Task Force:
 - a. Makes recommendation(s)
 - b. Takes action(s)
 - c. Reports any actions taken to the Assembly
- V. A letter is sent to the Al-Anon Family Group with the recommendations and/or actions required to bring it into compliance with the Twelve Traditions and the spiritual intent of the Twelve Concepts of Service, with a deadline of six (6) months to respond, demonstrating the Group's intentions to remedy the problem(s) and how that will be done.
- VI. The intent response is sent to the Chairperson and /or Delegate.
- VII. When this process is completed, if the Tennessee Al-Anon Family Group successfully demonstrates that it has remedied the violations, the issue will be placed on the AWSC Agenda to present the actions taken to remedy the violations, and to ask the AWSC to consider restoring the Al-Anon Family Group with the same privileges of all other Tennessee Area Al-Anon Family Groups.
- VIII. When this process is completed, if the Tennessee Al-Anon Family Group fails to demonstrate that it has remedied the violations, a letter will be sent to the World Service Office asking for assistance in not referring the offending Group when contacted by a potential Al-Anon Family Group member via the toll free number (1-888-425-2666).