***FACTS ABOUT AL-ANON & ALATEEN***

Al-Anon recognizes that alcoholism is a family disease – The disease affects all those who have a relationship with a problem drinker. Alcoholism may emotionally, spiritually, and often physically affect loved ones in addition to the alcoholic.

There are no dues or fees – Members make voluntary contributions because each group is self-supporting. Most groups pass a basket at each meeting to help cover routine costs such as renting meeting rooms, literature, etc.

No appointments are necessary – Anyone concerned about someone else’s drinking is welcome to walk in and attend.

Al-Anon is not affiliated with any sect, denomination, political entity, or institution. Al-Anon is spiritually based, apolitical, welcomes all cultures, and is available almost everywhere.

Al-Anon is a nonprofessional fellowship – Members share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems.

Anonymity is protected – The identity of all Al-Anon and Alateen members, as well as members of Alcoholics Anonymous, is protected.

Al-Anon is a separate fellowship from Alcoholics Anonymous – Al-Anon and Alateen is based on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions adapted from AA.

How is Alateen helpful? – Alateen helps young people understand how alcoholism affects the lives of all who are associated with a problem drinker and helps them find effective ways to deal with their personal problems.

***WHEN SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU DRINKS TOO MUCH…*** Sometimes the problem drinker is a spouse or partner. Sometimes parents are concerned about their son or daughter’s drinking. Sometimes the drinker is – or was – a parent, another relative, co-worker, or a friend.

***HOW SERIOUS DOES THE DRINKER’S PROBLEM HAVE TO BE FOR AL-ANON TO HELP?...*** From the Al-Anon perspective, it doesn’t matter whether the drinker is an alcoholic or not. What really matters is: does the drinking trouble you?

***SOMEONE CLOSE TO ME HAS A DRUG PROBLEM…*** Al-Anon Family Groups have one focus: to help friends and families of alcoholics. The 2015 Al-Anon Membership Survey reported, however, that 40 percent of Al-Anon members first came to Al-Anon Family Groups because of a friend or relative who had a drug problem. The survey also showed that 85 percent of these members eventually came to realize that someone’s drinking had also negatively affected their lives.

***WHAT CAN I DO IF THERE ISN’T A MEETING NEARBY? …***On-line meetings and telephone meetings sometimes supplement, rather than replace, face-to-face meetings. They are also helpful for homebound and those who live in rural areas. To find a list of electronic meetings, visit al-anon.org, or send an email to wso@al-anon.org

Al-Anon Family Groups

Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

**AL-ANON & ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS**

**GEORGIA – *DISTRICT # OR DESCRIPTION***

 **MEETING SCHEDULE**

*EDIT THIS BOX TO LIST COUNTIES IN YOUR DISTRICT HERE*

***For complete list of meetings,***

Call - 1-888-425-2666

Or visit – ga-al-anon.org

To learn more about Al-Anon and get a sense of what a meeting could be like, listen to some selections from Al-Anon’s podcast series, *First Steps to Al-Anon Recovery.* These short audio presentations are available at no charge on Al-Anon’s website, www.al-anon.alateen.org

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| **AL-ANON AND ALATEEN MEETINGS -** [**www.ga-al-anon.org**](http://www.ga-al-anon.org) **Additional info and full meetings list available at www.al-anon.org** |
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