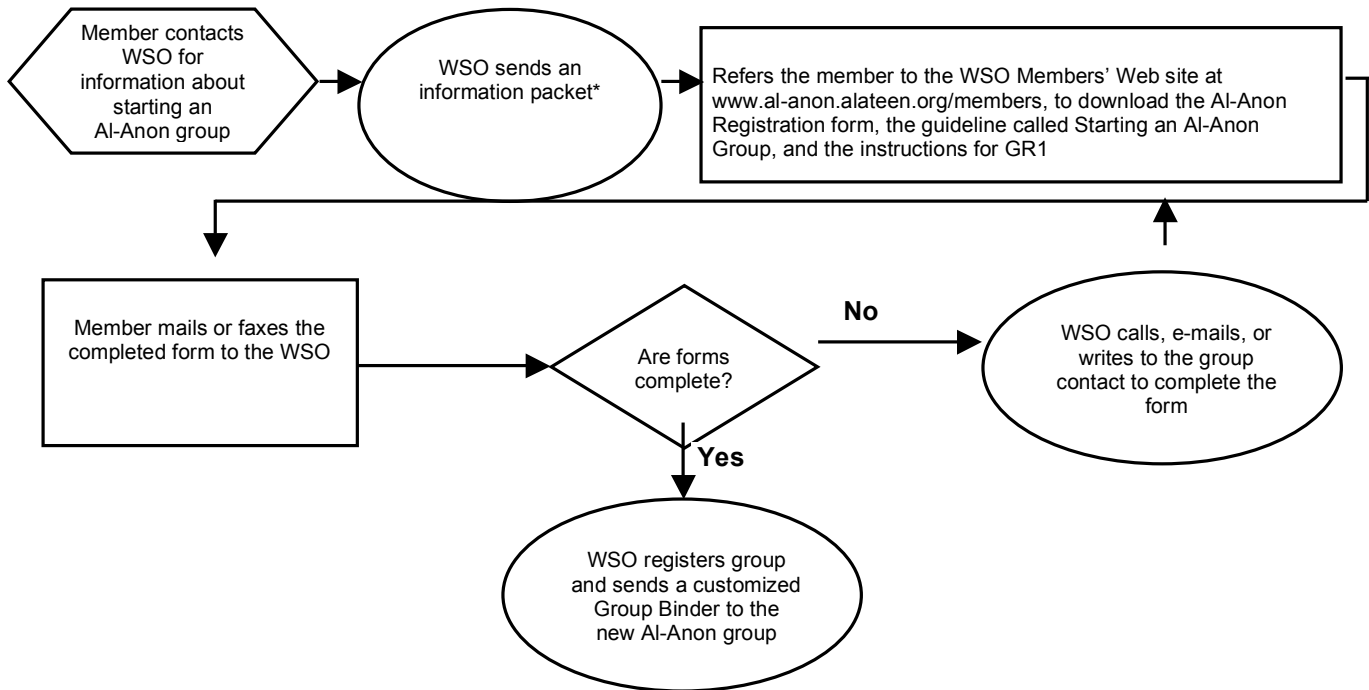


HOW TO START AN AL-ANON GROUP



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW WHEN STARTING AN AL-ANON MEETING:

- The WSO will register any group designating itself as an Al-Anon Family Group with the understanding that it will abide by the Traditions and that meetings will be open to any Al-Anon member.
- WSO cannot register any group that is solely for Al-Anon members who are also recovering alcoholics and members of AA, because it does not qualify to have a Group Representative.
- **An Al-Anon group name** should be inviting to all, and should not imply affiliation.
- **CLOSED** meetings are for all Al-Anon members, whose life has been affected by a problem drinker.
- **OPEN** meetings may be attended by anyone interested in Al-Anon/Alateen.
- Each group needs to designate a **current mailing address (CMA)** to receive group mailings from the World Service Office. (This can be a member's home address, the meeting address, or a postal address.)
- Al-Anon meetings can be initiated by a professional or AA member, however, after the group has started, professional or AA participation should be limited to open meetings.
- For more information, see pages 29-31 and 68-70 in the **Service Manual**.

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