

Al-Anon Is:

- A support group program of relatives and friends who believe their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking.
- A recovery program based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.).
- A program of nonprofessionals where members exchange their experiences of how they apply our principles to their daily lives.
- A program with the identities of all Al-Anon, Alateen, and A.A. members protected.
- A spiritual program that is compatible with all religious beliefs or none.
- A program with the single purpose of helping families and friends of alcoholics, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

Al-Anon Is Not:

- Allied with any sect, denomination, political entity, organization, or institution.
- Involved in any outside issues—neither endorses nor opposes any cause.
- Affiliated with A.A., although both organizations cooperate with one another.
- Considered a religious organization, treatment center, counseling agency, or teaching program.
- Intended for families of individuals with other difficulties unless there is a problem of alcoholism as well.
- Conducted by professionals (although meetings can be initiated by them).
- Intended as a replacement for professional treatment and services.

Meeting designations:

- Open—Anyone interested in Al-Anon may attend our meetings. Professionals, students, and people considering a need for Al-Anon are welcome.
- Closed—Attended by members and prospective members.

Al-Anon meetings occur:

- Locally
- By phone
- Online

Al-Anon may be listed in your telephone directory.

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Al-Anon's Path to Recovery

*Al-Anon Family Groups
Welcome Native
Americans/Aboriginals*

SERVICE



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Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Al-Anon Recovery

Al-Anon is for anyone who has been affected by someone else's drinking. Regardless of native/aboriginal origin, if you are concerned with someone else's drinking, the Al-Anon program can often help.

Al-Anon was founded by families of alcoholics who found sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. Today, Al-Anon/Alateen members, regardless of age, creed, color, or relationship to the alcoholic, are finding serenity even with a friend or family member with a drinking problem.

From the beginning, we learn we are powerless to control another person's drinking. Until we stop trying to control, we will continue to live in frustration. Once we learn to let go of the problem, the loving concern and help of the other members will provide strong support to help us understand what the Al-Anon program can do for us.

There is a message of hope in Al-Anon meetings, that we can be happy whether the alcoholic is drinking or not. The foundation of Al-Anon is the Twelve Steps, adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous, which are the key to individual, family, and community healing.

Some of the increased values reported by Al-Anon members are:

- Integrity
- Building character
- Self-esteem
- Respect for culture
- Tolerance

Al-Anon's Twelve Steps

The study of these Steps is essential to progress in the Al-Anon program. The principles they embody are universal, applicable to everyone, whatever his personal creed. In Al-Anon, we strive for an ever-deeper understanding of these Steps, and pray for the wisdom to apply them to our lives.

