

ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS & OTHER TERMS USED IN AL-ANON IN PA

AAPP	Area Alateen Process Person; serves as liaison between PA Area AMIASes, AWSC and WSO regarding all Alateen paperwork
AFG	Al-Anon Family Group - also AFG, Inc., the legal entity that serves as Al-Anon HQ and conducts Al-Anon business
AFG/AC	Al-Anon Family Group/Adult Children; Al-Anon meetings geared towards those whose life is/was affected by an alcoholic parent
AMIAS	Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (certified by WSO)
AIS	Al-Anon Information Service; coordinates activities for multiple groups or districts. PA has two: AIS of Pittsburg and AIS Delaware Valley (Philadelphia). Also referred to as Intergroup.
Area	Often a state, but some large states have more than one. Area 48 consists of all districts in PA and is represented by one Delegate at the WSC.
Assembly	Composed of all GRs in the Area, convenes annually to conduct Area business; elects a Delegate and other Assembly officers every three years.
AWSC	Area World Service Committee; consists of the officers elected at the Assembly, DRs, Coordinators and Liaisons.
CAL	Conference Approved Literature; developed by and for Al-Anon members
CMA	Current Mailing Address; contact information that is on file with the Area and WSO for every group
Coordinator	Member chosen by the Area or AIS Chair to coordinate activities for Alateen, Archives, Group Records, Literature/Forum or Public Outreach; also can refer to newsletter editors for <i>Al-A-Gram</i> , <i>RAP</i> or <i>Key</i> .
Delegate	DR elected at Assembly to represent their Area at the WSC and to act as a liaison between WSO and the Area.
District	Geographical group of Al-Anon meetings within an Area; PA has 32.
DR	District Representative; elected for a three-year term from among past or current GRs of a District, the DR acts as a liaison between the district, the Area and WSO.

GR	Group Representative; Al-Anon member elected by a group to serve as a liaison between the group, the District, the Area and WSO for a three-year term.
Intergroup	See AIS (Al-Anon Information Service)
ISR	Information Service Representative; liaison between group and AIS/Intergroup; attends Service Board Meetings
ISS	Interim Service Seminar; workshop held by PA AWSC in each Sector to promote understanding of the Al-Anon service structure, the Al-Anon Legacies, and foster to public outreach.
KBDM	Knowledge Based Decision Making; a process designed to foster informed and effective group consciences
LDC	Literature Distribution Center; WSO prefers that groups and individuals order from LDCs, while LDCs order from WSO
Liaison	A member appointed or elected by the local AIS/Intergroup as a link between them and the Assembly/AWSC.
NERD	Annual meeting for past & current <u>N</u> orth <u>E</u> ast <u>R</u> egional <u>D</u> elegates
NOMAAC	<u>N</u> orthern <u>M</u> id-Atlantic <u>A</u> lateen <u>A</u> ssembly & <u>C</u> onference
PSA	Public Service Announcement; brief informational piece designed to air on TV and radio at no charge. WSO typically produces a new series each year.
PO	Public Outreach; activities designed to inform the public and various professionals (counselors, attorneys, teachers, etc.) about Al-Anon/Alateen
Sector	A geographical grouping of Districts; there are five in PA: NE, NW, SE, SW and Central
TEAM	<u>T</u> ogether <u>E</u> mpowering <u>A</u> l-Anon <u>M</u> embers; event held in partnership with one or more Areas and WSO
WSC	World Service Conference; annual business meeting of all Area Delegates from the US and Canada, the Executive Committee and selected WSO staff members; usually held in April.
WSO	World Service Office; national headquarters for Al-Anon Family Groups, located in Virginia Beach, VA. Incorporated as AFG, Inc.