



S-ATEEN: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS S-ATEEN?

S-Ateen is a fellowship of young people, ages 12 to 19, whose lives have been affected by sexaholism in a family member or friend. S-Ateen members focus on principles of recovery founded on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of S-Ateen.

WHEN DID S-ATEEN BEGIN?

The first face-to-face S-Ateen meeting was held in Clinton Township, Michigan, on November 1, 1996. There were three teenagers and two adult S-Ateen Group Sponsors at that first meeting. The S-Ateen Online Community went live October 2015 and is hosted on a secure, private server. This interactive site continues to evolve with the growth of the S-Ateen fellowship, nationally and internationally, offering S-Ateen members from across the globe access to weekly meetings, S-Ateen readings, daily meditations, an S-Ateen Step Study meeting format, a weekly topic for discussion, and more.

HOW DOES S-ATEEN RELATE TO THE S-ANON ORGANIZATION?

According to the S-Anon World Service Charter, "The term S-Anon includes S-Ateen." While S-Ateen is a separate fellowship from S-Anon, both fall under the umbrella of the S-Anon International Family Groups. The Charter further states, "Therefore, the above Charter applies to all registered groups, including S-Ateen." A copy of the S-Anon World Service Charter may be found in the S-Anon/S-Ateen Service Manual (SSSM). The SSSM is a helpful resource, downloadable from member.sanon.org, that explains service structures, how groups work, meeting formats, and Conference Approved readings.

S-Ateen members began attending S-Anon international conventions in 1997. They have shared during recorded and unrecorded speaker sessions at local and regional recovery events and international conventions. S-Ateen shares have also been included in S-Anon literature such as S-Anews issues, Working the S-Anon Program, and Reflections of Hope.

WHO ATTENDS S-ATEEN MEETINGS?

Sexaholism affects all family members, including

children. S-Ateen offers age-appropriate meetings designed to offer healing and recovery for young people, ages 12 to 19, in a safe and consistent environment. To ensure compliance with S-Ateen Safety Guidelines as well as S-Ateen Service Literature (L-12ST and L-22ST), only S-Ateen members and S-Anon Members certified as S-Ateen Group Sponsors are welcome to attend S-Ateen face-to-face or virtual meetings. S-Ateen Group Sponsors are trained and screened using personal references and background checks for this specific type of service work.

ARE S-ATEEN MEETINGS CONSIDERED CLOSED MEETINGS?

S-Ateen meetings are age-appropriate Twelve Step Recovery meetings designed specifically to address the needs of young people, ages 12 to 19, no matter their race, religion, gender, or other specific details of their personal identity. The only requirement for S-Ateen membership is that the teen has been affected by sexaholism in a relative, friend, or other individual. S-Ateen members as well as S-Ateen Group Sponsors speak only about and from the S-Ateen point of view. As such, S-Ateen meetings are considered "Closed Meetings."

Those wishing to learn more about S-Ateen meetings are welcome to attend Open S-Ateen Information meetings and/or Open Meetings specific to S-Ateen and family recovery commonly held at conventions. Another good resource on S-Ateen meetings is the booklet S-Ateen: What It's Like To Be Me (P-9ST) written by S-Ateen members on their experiences both "before and after" attending S-Ateen meetings.

CAN S-ATEEN MEMBERS ATTEND S-ANON MEETINGS?

S-Ateen members may attend S-Anon meetings provided they are seeking their own personal recovery from the effects of sexaholism in a relative or friend. S-Ateen members have been attending weekly S-Anon meetings since 1996, as well as attending S-Anon meetings at local and regional recovery events and international conventions since 1997.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR S-ATEEN

Free downloads of additional S-Ateen Service Literature can be found at member.sanon.org.

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