

## You may ask, "What does the Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) office do for our group?"

1. First and foremost, AIS answers inquiries from those seeking help: new members, existing members, groups, professionals, and the general public.
2. An enthusiastic Public Outreach team carries our message of hope to schools, universities, doctors, counselors, social workers, health fairs, police officers, fire fighters, etc. Literature is provided to the team and many hours are spent by the Office preparing for an event such as Earth Day or Working Women's Survival Show, etc.
3. Gathers and disseminates information concerning the work of Intergroup; helps to promote our unity of purpose and encourage the growth of Al-Anon Family Groups in the greater St. Louis area.
4. Acts as an information exchange for all St. Louis metro Al-Anon meetings.
5. Maintains a supply of conference approved literature for sale and makes it available to all who are interested in the disease of alcoholism.
6. Maintains an office with paid staff and volunteers.
7. Publishes a monthly newsletter entitled *Sincerely Al-Anon*.
8. Maintains and updates an Al-Anon Meeting Directory of Al-Anon meetings.
9. Maintains an Answering Service where phone calls are returned after hours.
10. Speakers' Bureau is available, which is a list of members willing to speak at meetings, public outreach events, conferences, and all other Area and District communities.
11. Maintains a public outreach focused website: [www.stl-al-anon.org](http://www.stl-al-anon.org).
12. Cooperates closely with World Service Office, Alcoholics Anonymous, the professional community, hospitals/institutions, legal community, police force, etc.

Your group has a voice and a vote in all of the above projects. Is your group represented at Intergroup? If so, thank you so much for your participation and support! If not, why not? AIS is here to serve the suffering families and friends of problem drinkers. Someone was there for you.

**This is all possible because of your support, and we all need each other.**

***When anyone anywhere reaches out for help let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.***

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