

WSO Judicial Systems Outreach Project

WOW! This project is a big success.

Twenty-nine areas (43%) said "yes" and participated in the WSO Judicial Systems project. The project was launched with the WSO's initial mailing to 7,000 municipal, district, and county judges and courts in April 2001. This WSO mailing consisted of the new pamphlet, *Alcoholics, Their Families, and the Judicial System* (S-65), the Contact Card (M-46), and a cover letter.

We hope you will create your own local judicial systems mailing list.

Very Important Reminders:

- ☞ You or your area can still create your own mailing list by using the local telephone directory, Internet, government search pages, or directories/listings of local courts, family advocates, judges, etc.
- Your area can make outreach to judges, family advocates, victim services, etc. ongoing because the pamphlet, *Alcoholics, Their Families and the Judicial System* (S-65) is free. Besides the standard order form, it can be ordered from the literature section of the WSO Web site, www.al-anon.alateen.org.

IDEAS FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUDICIAL SYSTEMS PROFESSIONALS RECEIVING AL-ANON/ALATEEN INFORMATION IN YOUR AREA

Think Locally

We think the Judicial System Project mailings will be more effective if mailings are sent to city, municipal, and county (or district) courts rather than state/provincial or territorial court officials. Local judges and professionals working in their court systems are more likely to be in direct contact with family courts, family advocacy, criminal courts, domestic violence cases, driving while intoxicated sentences, and other alcohol related crimes.

How To Create A Local List

Here are some choices. Feel free to develop your own and share them with the WSO Public Outreach Department!

1. "High Tech" - Use The Internet

Visit a search engine or use a browser to find names and addresses of judicial system professionals in specific cities. Many search engines have government *listings*.

2. "Low Tech" - Use the Local Telephone Directory or Telephone Information By obtaining the telephone numbers of family, municipal, and county courts, members can call for the name and mailing address of judges. Some cities have blue or green pages for government lists in their directories. Others use the white pages. If you use operator assisted telephone information instead of the telephone directory, there may be a charge. Multiple city directories are available at your local library.

Reaching our Judicial Professionals

Al-Anon & Alateen Hope for Families and Friends of Alcoholics

What to Send – Here are some suggestions for contents of follow up mailings. Select items that best meet budget considerations and that your area or local members feel will work best.

YOUR AREA OR LOCAL MEETING SCHEDULE WITH AN AL-ANON TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER IS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE MOST HELPFUL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED.

- An Al-Anon/Alateen poster
- Three leaflets: Are You Troubled By Someone Else's Drinking (S-17), Someone Else's Drinking Getting To You (S-20), Did You Grow Up With Alcoholism (S-25)
- Information For The Newcomer (S-4)
- Fact Sheet For Professionals (S-37 USA, S-37c Canada)
- Who Are The Members of Al-Anon/Alateen? 1999 Membership Survey Results (S-29)
- Facts About Alateen (P-41)
- Al-Anon Speaks Out (S-18)
- Professionals packet (K-30 USA)
- Local meeting schedule and contact phone number

Supplies Needed

- * Postage
- * Mailing envelopes (remember to include a return address ... your information service, group, or district mailing address, etc.
- * Local meeting schedules with -Al-Anon telephone contact numbers.