

Public Outreach Report

August 2026

- I am Cherryl C. My position is Public Outreach Coordinator for this last year of Panel 64. Family illness, prolonged hospitalizations etc. has taken my time away from answering emails in a timely manner. I am grateful to Rose, Ann and Theresa for their help in making sure all these requests were taken care of.
- At Spring Assembly, we shared a poster session including information, pamphlets/posters regarding Public Outreach
- We have continued to receive requests from others passionately working on spreading the word about Al-Anon and Alateen. These last couple month's requests have come primarily from treatment providers and treatment facilities.

Report:

As the PO Coordinator I have received three requests from WSO (Heather Smith, Associate Director Public Outreach at WSO) and/or local AIS/area members.

The Public Outreach office at WSO gets requests directly and provides lots of information on the WSO website (links to resources and pamphlets) for professionals as well as local groups.

My job as Ohio Area PO is just to pass on these requests. I send emails to notify the geographical part of Ohio where there is an AIS or other resource (including any known interested members, active groups, GRs, District that does PO) close to where the requester is located. Again, my thanks to Delegate Rose R and chairperson Ann F for helping me out this summer.

One of these requests came from an Al-Anon member of one of the AIS's who works at a facility and wanted to know what support was available from WSO for PO. As a reminder, members, Groups, Districts, AIS's, LDC's in the Area are all self-supporting and are tasked with the prudent management of their finances. The **local provision of materials is not the responsibility of AFG, Inc. rather a local decision whether to provide at no cost or offer pamphlets etc. at cost.** So the decision by local groups is to either choose to give it away at no cost to the requesting source or offer them either the WSO site to purchase materials or if available direct them to a location that provides Al-Anon and Alateen materials at cost.

Suggestions for those wishing to respond to the request besides whatever the offer of materials may be:

- Consider asking if the entity would like:
 - A speaker to either family members or faculty staff.
 - Help in providing a beginner's/institutional meeting.
- And then asking their local members to follow through on the request.

And last, but not least, what I have learned from this experience as your Ohio PO Coordinator:

- This is a “we program”
- Help is here when I ask
- Together we can make it!

With gratitude in Service,

Cherryl C