

# GROUP RECORDS Report

Assembly October 26-27, 2024

## Informational Items:

As of 13 October: Total Number of Registered AFGs: 261 (up 3 / down 6 = net gain down 3)

Total Number of AFG meetings: 279 (up 3 / down 9 = net gain down 6)

Face to face meetings: 218 (up 2)

Virtual meetings: 132 (down 5)

Hybrid meetings: 71 (up 3)

Beginner meetings: 19 (up 1)

Spanish meetings: 7 (no change)

3 New Groups since May 2024 Assembly:

Group Name District

Back to Basics AFG	16
Discovering Choices AFG	18
Wednesday Night Adult Children AFG	29

## Items of Note:

- There are ZERO meetings listed as 'Temporary online' THANK YOU DRs for your help in updating the status of all of these meetings!!
- PLEASE review YOUR Group's listing on both the VA Area website [here](#) and the WSO website [here](#) for accuracy. Please email any corrections needed on either site to your DR or to [GroupRecords@VaAlanon.org](mailto:GroupRecords@VaAlanon.org)
- If your meeting location has a tendency to change rooms, consider having the meeting location instructions indicate "follow signs to meeting room" or something similar, to keep them relevant and avoid confusion for a newcomer or a some-timer.
- If your group meets virtually *only* on some days and hybrid (or face-to-face) other days, you will need to have a group conscience to either make *every* meeting hybrid or to register the *virtual only* meeting(s) as a separate meeting. Please contact me if the Group would like me to attend a group conscience to answer questions.
- REMINDER: Groups with an indicated Participant focus (i.e., parents/grandparents, women, men, adult children, etc.) should understand that "all Al-Anon groups welcome *anyone* seeking an Al-Anon meeting (Tradition Three)." 2022-25 Service Manual, pg. 33
- From the 2024 World Service Conference, WSO will no longer register *new* groups with names that include 'community identifying information' (women, men, adult children, parents/grandparents, etc.), which is considered to be 'excluding and not welcoming.' WSO is not asking existing groups to change their names at this time, but it is recommended and encouraged.
- Per WSO, WSO Annual Update forms can be returned to Area Group Records - please complete and email to [GroupRecords@VaAlanon.org](mailto:GroupRecords@VaAlanon.org) ONLY if there are changes (if the group has no changes, the form does not need to be returned)
- New Group registrations and any Group Record changes should be submitted to your District Rep or directly to [GroupRecords@VaAlanon.org](mailto:GroupRecords@VaAlanon.org)
- Every registered group is required to have a CMA (Current Mailing Address – person who receives mail from WSO)
- Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions, corrections or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted on October 13, 2024

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