Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do to prepare for the programs?
The Checklist in the Customer Center provides a detailed list of things to do and a timeline to help you prepare for the upcoming program.

What type of room works best?
Auditoriums work best for student programs, but classrooms, libraries, lecture halls, band halls or choir rooms also work well if they are large enough. We recommend you avoid gymnasiums and cafeterias if possible due to acoustics.

What will the speaker(s) need?
Aim for Success speakers bring their own projection equipment. You will, however, need to provide the following items:
- Table or A.V. Cart
- An additional table for literature (Parent Program only)
- Extension Cord
- Projection Screen (make sure it’s large enough for the size of your audience)
- Lighting conducive to viewing the visual presentation
- Microphone for programs presented in a gymnasium or cafeteria, or when 50 or more students/adults will be present
- Pencil for each student (an announcement telling students to bring a pencil can be made just before the program)

How long are the programs?
The programs are designed to be one hour. Program length can be adjusted, but portions of the program will be removed. Please check with the Aim for Success office for more information on modifying program length. Provide the start and end time of each session on your Program Schedule. Transition time for students to enter and exit the program should be included between sessions.

What about permission slips?
Permission slips are not necessary if your school policy for sex education includes promoting abstinence until marriage. Aim for Success is simply reinforcing your existing policy. We strongly encourage parental participation and present a Parent Program prior to the Student Program so parents can preview what their child will see. Of course any parent has the right to request their child not attend the program, but that is extremely rare, especially if the parent has attended the Parent Program. For those organizations wanting to use permission slips we recommend and have provided a sample, opt-out form for your use. Program-specific opt-out forms can be found by going to the Customer Center main page and clicking on the program type your school or organization has selected.

Should boys and girls be separated?
This is not necessary. The programs are not embarrassing; and we have found the boys typically behave better when the girls are in the room. If, however, you desire to separate your students, that is acceptable.
How are discipline problems handled?
Discipline problems seldom occur during our programs. However, the larger the group the greater chance some students might misbehave and disrupt the program. Therefore, it is important for teachers to sit with their students and be prepared to handle any discipline problems that may develop.

How is discipline handled with larger groups?
For the best educational impact, we prefer to work with smaller groups of students as our programs are educational and motivational. However, if you do choose larger groups for your presentations, the principal or vice-principal must be visible during the program. Their presence typically eliminates any discipline problems. Please ensure that Administrators are visible for audiences larger than:
100 Students for K - 2nd Grade
150 Students for 3rd - 6th Grade
200 Students for 7th & 8th Grade
350 Students for 9th-12th Grade

How should students be seated?
Students need to sit with their teachers as close to the front of the auditorium as possible.

When will the speaker arrive?
The Aim for Success speaker will arrive at your location to set up at least 20 minutes before the program begins.

What if I have more questions?
If you have any other questions or concerns, please call the Aim for Success office at 972-422-2322 or email us at office@aimforsuccess.org. Our staff is ready to assist you!