

**YITRC 2009 ADD TA Institute  
General Session I**

**Icebreaker  
Activity**

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# Directions

- Please take a seat.
- Do not move the cards with the letters (we will use them later).
- Please clear the area around you (we will be moving around a lot!).
- Only **6** people per table, please.

# Purpose

- To practice introducing ourselves.
- To work on our listening skills.
- To get to know one another.
- To practice evaluating a session.

# Paired Introductions

Most of the time, when we introduce ourselves at meetings we do not always give the best picture of ourselves. We give our:

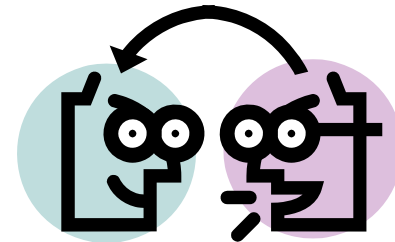
- Name;
- Title (what we do); and
- Organization (who we work for).

# Paired Introductions

While these things are good to know, they do not always give the best picture of who we are. The point of introducing yourself is to **make a connection with the other person.**

# Paired Introductions

- Pair yourself with a person sitting next to you.
- Introduce yourself to your partner. Give your:
  - Name;
  - Where you are from;
  - Your project's name; and
  - Any other information to make a “connection.”
- After listening to your partner's introduction, repeat back to him/her what you heard and remembered.
- Tell your partner what else you would like to know about him/her.



# Table Introductions

Now that you have introduced yourselves to your partners, take what you have learned and introduce yourselves to the other people at your table...

# Table Introductions

- Each person at the table will take a turn to introduce him/herself.
- After each person introduces her/himself, each person at the table then says one thing he/she remembers about that person.

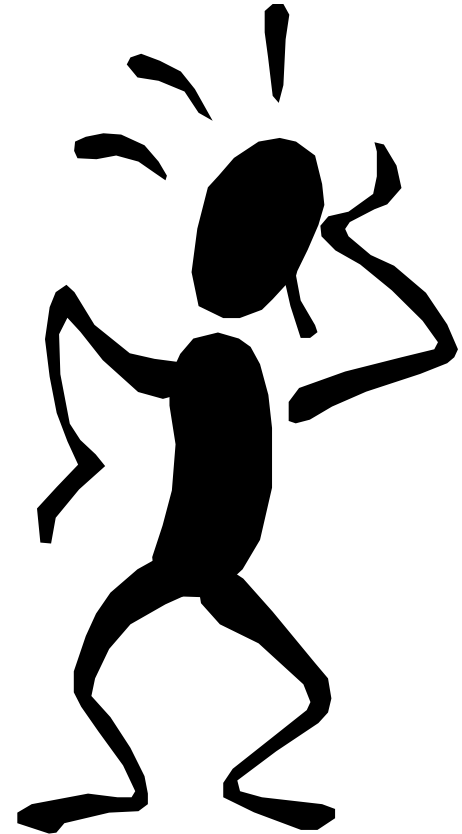
# Now we're moving...

- Pick up the lettered card in front of you.
- This card tells you how you will move.
  - For example: if your card says move 2 forward, you will move 2 tables forward.
- The ADD staff will help you find your next table.
- Keep your card for the rest of the activity (take it with you).



# Lost???

Don't worry if you get lost! This activity is about crossing boundaries and meeting new people...there are no "wrong" tables!



# Table Introductions

After moving, we will repeat the “table introductions”:

- Each person at the table will take a turn to introduce him/herself.
- After each person introduces her/himself, each person at the table then says one thing he/she remembers about that person.

# Now we're moving...

A – Move **1** table forward

B – Move **2** tables forward

C – Move **3** tables forward

D – Move **1** table backwards

E – Move **2** tables forward

F – Move **3** tables forward

# What do you think?

- Evaluation – to think about something in order to judge its value or importance.
- You will be asked to evaluate each session at the Institute.
- We are going to practice evaluating now...

# What do you think?

- Do your “table introductions” like you have been doing.
- When you are finished with the introductions, take turns saying:
  - What you liked about this activity;
  - What you didn’t like about this activity; and/or
  - What you would change about this activity.
- When you are finished sharing your thoughts, please complete the paper evaluation.
- Let us know if you need help with the paper evaluation.

# Congratulations!!

- **Congratulate** yourselves on a job well done!
- **Remember** to use the skills that you learned in this session during the rest of the Institute.

# Thank you!

## Next: Breakout Session I

- **Youth/Emerging Leaders:** Stay in this room for the *Developing a Code of Conduct* presentation.
- **Administrators:** Go to Plaza II (through the side doors and across the hall) for the *Grants Management* presentation.