

HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

TIPS FOR MAKING CONTACT

1. Contact the school's main office and ask to speak to someone in the counselor's office.
2. Use the script below to start a conversation.

Hi- My name is _____ and I work with Alcoholics Anonymous in providing information about A.A. to high school staff who may encounter students that have a problem with alcohol. We would like to offer a presentation about A.A. to the school counselors and Teen Health Center staff. Could you point me to the appropriate contacts to discuss this?

3. Additional talking points:
 - Offer an A.A. presentation for the students with a panel of A.A. members who started recovery from alcoholism at a very young age.
 - Offer A.A. literature specifically created for young people who might have a drinking problem. Call to action tip: ask, "Is there a convenient time I can stop by to drop off a couple pamphlets for you to review and have a 10 minute chat to answer any questions you have?"
 - Request that a copy of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* is placed in the school library.

A.A. PRESENTATION WITH STAFF

A typical A.A. presentation would take about one hour. A.A. participants would include a moderator, and one or two A.A. members experienced in speaking about A.A. They would discuss what A.A. is and what A.A. is not, how A.A. works, and what A.A. meetings are like. They would share some of their own personal recovery story and answer questions. [Refer to P-40, *Speaking at non-A.A. meetings*]