

Teaching Techniques

Age Group	Physical Environment	Social Skills	Learning Profile	Teaching Techniques
Adults (18-64 years)	presentation should be 60-90 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Concern for the safety of self and others ✓ Awareness of personal responsibility regarding behavior and safety ✓ Increased ability to obtain information (internet, media, etc.) therefore seek expert knowledge and presentations (from Fire Dept., police) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Receptive to topics of concern to them (relative to issues associated with their lifestyle) ✓ Need to buy into the message and purpose of the presentation ✓ Need to be convinced of the presenter's knowledge and competence ✓ Need to think for themselves- solve problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Know your audience (who they are, what they do, where they meet) ✓ Convince the audience that the information will be useful to them ✓ Use intensity and drama to hold the attention of the audience (facts and statistics) ✓ Establish an atmosphere of responsibility ✓ Recognize the audience's skills, abilities, and experience
Older Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presentation should be approximately 60 minutes ✓ Sensitive to physical needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Often lonely and desire company ✓ Want programs to be entertaining and to provide prizes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Need individual attention ✓ Require respect of their (physical) personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allow time at end of presentation for Q&A and discussion ✓ Allow audience member(s) to initiate

(65 and older)	(mobility, hearing, vision,...)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Respond well to nonverbal communication (smiles, good posture, gestures)✓ Life experiences need to be acknowledged and respected✓ Need to feel empowered regarding their personal behavior	<p>physical contact (handshake, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Smile and make eye contact✓ Use gestures to reinforce verbal messages✓ Speak clearly and loudly, without shouting✓ Use humor appropriately
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