

GETTING STARTED – Launching an ARISE2Read Program

Churches

After gaining commitment and support from your pastor:

- **Identify a lead person** at church to serve as head coach to oversee the program.
- **Select your school.**
- **Gain the school board/principal's permission** to implement the program.
- **Set a time frame** to have coaches/tutors in place.
- **Work with ARISE2Read Team for publicity.**
- **Publicize ARISE2Read coaching program** in your church to generate excitement and enthusiasm for the program.
 - From the pulpit – the pastor will be the most effective.
 - In Sunday School classes, sign-up displays, bulletins, emails, etc.
- **Place sign-up information sheets or cards** in multiple areas to gather contact information. Request email address and phone number for each volunteer.
- **Set a date** to train coaches.
 - Keep involvement simple.
 - Give background check information as required by your local school board.
 - Assure volunteers that the sight word tutoring method is easy to use and ARISE2Read will provide sight word training.
 - Explain time requirement of one hour per week.
 - Provide a good map showing the location of the school.
- **Purchase and assemble coaching boxes.** Most items can be found at Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, etc. (See Coaching Box Contents.)
- **Provide file folders** for each student.
- **Develop and maintain a relationship** with the principal.
- **Coordinate coaching schedule** with the school.
- **Schedule volunteers** and give them a start date (school board background check must be complete).
- **Plan additional community service opportunities** (*optional*) at the school: school grounds cleanup days, parenting classes, teacher appreciation luncheon, teacher treats, etc.



Coaching Box Contents

The plastic coaching boxes are shared by all coaches. Be sure to have enough boxes that equal the total number of coaches at any one time.

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

- 4 Laminated Games
- 2-3 Pencils
- 3-4 Colored Pencils
- 3-4 Crayons
- Yellow Highlighter
- 2-3 Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Board & Eraser
- Small Kleenex Pack
- Lined Notepad
- Game Pieces, Dice, Mini Cars
- Pencil Sharpener
- Index Cards
- Read It! Sample Questions Stickers

Schools

- Approve ARISE2Read method of coaching.
- Provide a space for coaching.
- Identify participating 2nd grade students.
- Select days and times for coaching schedule.
- Clarify protocol for parking, sign-in, etc.
- Provide the school calendar.
- Notify the head coach when students are not available for coaching (field trips, special programs, testing, etc.).

ARISE2Read Team

- Assists in selecting a school.
- Helps when meeting with principals to explain ARISE2Read program.
- Assists with ARISE2Read training.
- Supports and encourages head coach.

