

“Tutoring in a Small Group” Workshop

This section contains a copy of the Microsoft Powerpoint presentation that was developed to deliver this workshop. The Microsoft Powerpoint presentation is also included in the disk accompanying this manual. The corresponding activity sheets follow the slides. This workshop was presented at the annual LLO conference in June 2000. The summary of the evaluations from that session is included at the end of this section.

This workshop contains three separate activities. Instructions are included for each activity in the Microsoft Office presentation. However, the 3rd activity, “Balloon Trivia”, requires advance preparation. The presenter needs to prepare 5 questions based on information contained in the workshop. Examples:

- What is the “Key” to small group tutoring?
- What are two of the “Guiding Principles”?
- Identify three of the roles a small group tutor may play.

The questions need to be put on small pieces of paper and inserted in deflated balloons. Colour coding the balloons can avoid confusion later (e.g. put all the question 1’s in a red balloon, all the question 2’s in a blue balloon). Balloons can then be blown up. Prior to the start of the activity each table or group then receives 5 balloons with 5 different questions plus a pin.

Check with workshop participants for latex allergies prior to distributing the balloons. Ask the participants at the beginning of the workshop and then use the break time to prepare the balloons. If there is a problem with the balloons you can use an alternate method. For example, put all five slips for one question at each table and have the groups move from table to table.

