

How to start an FCA Huddle

DECISION TO START - This seems obvious, but it is the first step. The key to beginning this is to have student leadership involvement. An FCA Huddle should be student initiated and student led.

GET IN CONTACT WITH YOUR FCA STAFF PERSON - Contact your local FCA staff person. The Athens Area **FCA Office** number is 706-227-9000. The Area Director is Jack Murray (jmurray@fca.org) and the Administrative Assistant is Lisa Hankins (lhankins@fca.org). Stuart McLean (smclean@fca.org) is our coaches' ministry director. Our website is www.athensareafca.org. The national FCA website is www.fca.org.

Other resources. www.fca.camps.org. www.fcaresources.org. www.fca.org/campus/overview.

IDENTIFY POTENTIAL HUDDLE COACHES AND STUDENT LEADERS - It's ideal to have both female and male Huddle coaches who are coaches or teachers. Also identify both male and female students most likely to be leaders in your FCA.

COMPLETE A MINISTRY LEADER APPLICATION (MLA) – The easiest way to do this is online at www.fca.org/mla. The form needs to be filled out by your Adult Huddle Coach. You will need to complete this form and our local staff will review them. These steps are required nationally and help keep FCA accountable. After approving these forms, your local FCA staff will serve as a valuable resource to help establish your Huddle.

SEEK THE ADMINISTRATION'S BLESSING – Huddle Coach and Student leaders should meet with the Principal or other school administrators to obtain approval to begin the Huddle. FCA staff will be glad to assist in the approval process. The Huddle should be allowed in accordance with the equal access legislation.

SURROUND WITH VOLUNTEERS - Find a group of adult volunteers to help the student leaders and the Huddle Coach.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Have an organizational meeting with all parties, including an FCA representative. Use this time to discuss possible meeting schedule, materials that FCA can provide, and the impact that an FCA Huddle would have on your campus.

SANCTION YOUR HUDDLE – Once the MLA is approved, someone from the Athens Area office will contact you to certify your Huddle with FCA National Office in Kansas City.

FCA will then send you a Huddle Resource Kit which includes all the materials you need to have a successful Huddle!!! There are some GREAT resources in this kit!!!

MEETINGS - Find a time and a place to meet, and DO IT! Regular school meetings should be scheduled prior to or after school. Be consistent with time and place. Meeting details will be included in the Playbook that is included in the Huddle Resource Kit. Adults can help plan and coordinate the program, however, the student leadership needs to lead the meeting.

Prayer – Pray every step up the way. Matthew 7:7- “ask, and it will be given to you, seek and you will find: knock, and it will be opened to you.

QUESTIONS? - **Call us. We want to help in any way we can!!**

FCA National: 1-800-289-0909. Or try the Athens Area FCA **office** at 706-227-9000.