**Why and Because**

**Space Requirements**: Anywhere

**Equipment**: Strips of paper and writing utensils

**Group Size**: Any size

**Program Goals**:

1. To facilitate getting to know each other
2. Make it fun
3. Practice communication skills
4. Foster creative thinking and thinking outside the box

**Program Description**:

**Preparation**:

Cut several strips of paper

**Instructions:**

Hand each student two strips of paper. On one strip of paper they can ask any question that starts with the word “why”. On the second strip of paper, they can write any statement or answer that starts with the word “because”. The answer does not have to relate to the real question they wrote. Then put all the questions in one pile, and all the answers in another, mixing each pile up. Have students take turns picking a sheet from each pile and getting up in front of the class and reading them. They are supposed to be silly, almost like a mad lib. This will break ice, and help students feel comfortable with speaking in front of the class.