

To ring in the new year, we have an exciting announcement. Everyone that submits attendance reports is getting a bigger allowance for curriculum reinforcements (prizes). And we are creating a tiered program where facilities with larger numbers of attendances will receive a larger allowance. This will give residents in facilities with more attendances more equitable allowances for their goodies.

Here are the tiers:

Tier 1	1 to 50 attendances	\$200 per quarter
Tier 2	51 to 75 attendances	\$250 per quarter
Tier 3	76+ attendances	\$300 per quarter

How do we figure 'attendances?' We use your attendance forms and count the number of attendances from the entire month. It is **not** the number of participants, but it is the total times all of your participating residents attend sessions.

Here are some example:

- ♦ *Peaceful Pines* had 6 sessions and 50 attendances, so would be in Tier 1/\$200 per quarter.
- ♦ *Shady Acres* had 7 sessions and 70 attendances. They would fall into Tier 2/\$250 per quarter.
- ♦ *Cozy Cove* had 9 sessions and 101 attendances and would be in Tier 3/\$300 per quarter.

We know that all facilities have off months, so we will average the two months prior to your order to make it as fair as possible. If your facility was under lockdown for illness, we will not penalize you for that and will look at the history of your program to determine your tier ranking.

You will need to submit attendance forms **every** month so we can make an accurate accounting of your curriculum reinforcement (prize) needs. We are trying to make a fairer distribution of assets for all residents. A facility that hosts 9 sessions and 222 attendances each month, gets more goodies.

Because we are increasing your curriculum reinforcement (prize) budget, there will no longer be a drawing for attendance winners for submitting your attendance forms on time. If you do not submit attendance forms, your facility will stay in the original \$150/quarter allowance.

Please feel free to reach out to Simone if you have any questions about this approach to your curriculum reinforcement budgets (828-227-2893 or slipscomb@wcu.edu). We hope this boosts your residents' spirits and yours as well.

We encourage all Bingocize® leaders to vary their choices for curriculum reinforcements (prizes). We have some amazingly creative leaders that choose very cool goodies. Here are a few ideas:

- ♦Crystal sun catchers ♦Warm hats ♦Winter scarves ♦Seasonal door decorations ♦Paperback books
- ♦Small radios ♦Canvas zipper bags ♦Healthy snack packs ♦Fanny packs ♦Large print word search
- ♦Adult coloring books ♦Lip balm ♦Puzzles ♦Friendship bracelets ♦Stuffed animals
- ♦Colored pencils ♦Crayons ♦Fun drink coasters ♦Funny writing pens ♦Baseball caps ♦Sketch pads

Bingocize® guidelines suggest that each curriculum reinforcement (prize) be between \$4 and \$7. If your program has a lot of lesser-priced items, remember to give residents more items for each win. Please remember to vary what you request to keep residents interested and engaged! Also, if you have not, ask your residents what they want! And then...let us know! We hope this is good news for your residents and you. As always, we are here to help.

Some January holidays and observances:

- January 1st-New Year's Day & World Peace Day
- January 3rd-National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
- January 17th-Popeye the Sailor Man Day
- January 20th-Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- Mental Wellness Month