

KAAAC Advocacy Toolkit

10 Tips for Writing Press Releases

- 1. Make sure the information is newsworthy.
- 2. Tell the audience that the information is intended for them and why they should continue to read it.
- 3. Start with a brief description of the news, then distinguish who announced it, and not the other way around.
- 4. Ask yourself, "How are people going to relate to this and will they be able to connect?"
- 5. Make sure the first 10 words of your release are effective, as they are the most important.
- 6. Avoid excessive use of adjectives and fancy language.
- 7. Deal with the facts.
- 8. Provide as much Contact information as possible: Individual to Contact, address, phone, fax, email, Web site address.
- 9. Make sure you wait until you have something with enough substance to issue a release.
- 10. Make it as easy as possible for media representatives to do their jobs.