## **The Interview Process**

## **Presentation:**

## What to do:

Dress appropriately for the position advertised Pay attention to personal hygiene- showered, hair combed, breath mints **Remove all visible body piercing jewelry** Take updated printed copy of resume along for interviewer if they need it Arrive 10 minutes early, and take a deep breath/exhale before entering the facility Use a FIRM handshake and smile when introduced to the interviewer Establish good eve contact during the interview Only use positive statements, and project a positive attitude Sit or stand straight on to the interviewer Smile and lighten up when possible Research the company and know some facts about size, locations, products/services **Discuss questions with brief and concise answers** Take notes about the company and job when questioning interviewer Have questions you want to ask listed on paper, but memorize and use notes if necessary Wait until the second interview to discuss pay and benefits unless interviewer brings it up.

## What not to do:

Do not overdress for the job you are interviewing for Do not wear excessive makeup or perfume/cologne Wear shoes unlaced, dirty, or worn out Do not express negative thoughts of others or yourself or situations Do not sit with a sideways position to interviewer and do not fold arms Never lower your level of interest and enthusiasm during the interview Never make up an answer to something you don't know Do not drag out conversation not relating to the subject being discussed Do not tell them what you want for pay. Let them make the offer, and you can negotiate higher if necessary

**Prepared by Scott Birth**