

What is Literacy?

The Workforce Investment Act defines literacy as "an individual's ability to read, write, speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family of the individual and in society."

What is Community Literacy?

The community comes together around shared problem-solving and promotes the vision of 100% literacy through 100 % community engagement. Literacy is infused into all community initiatives.

What does a Coalition look like?

Imagine the "pebble in the pond" model with learners at the center, service delivery providers surrounding them; with supports for effective service provision and the many community at large partners working to support increased literacy levels. Working with a collaboration coalition model allows whole communities to be engaged together in the literacy effort.

What does a Literacy Coalition do?



With a county-wide literacy plan we have a much higher chance of success. We can ...

- **Increase resources** for literacy and target investments for the greatest impact
- **Expand access** to literacy services throughout the community
- **Provide coordination** to assure the most efficient and effective services
- **Spread best practice** throughout an integrated system of lifelong learning
- **Ensure accountability** to achieve high instruction and program management
- **Engage the leadership** of the community at its highest levels to build lasting solutions
- **Keep literacy visible** as a top priority in the community