



The **Tarrant Literacy Coalition** improves the quality and increases the quantity of adult and family literacy services in Tarrant County and surrounding areas by working with established and emerging literacy providers, offering training and technical support to community and faith based organizations and lending support to individuals who are involved in all manner of literacy efforts. The Coalition also offers classes and support services to adults seeking literacy instruction.

LITERACY AND LEARNING

This program of training and technical support includes monthly training events, such as the Fourth Friday Forums as well as large annual conferences, like the Metroplex Literacy Conference and other special training events held throughout the year. These events are provided at little or no charge to literacy teachers, tutors, program directors and volunteers.

The Coalition is also a clearinghouse for hundreds of books and thousands of dollars' worth of classroom materials and computers that are donated and distributed to local literacy programs each year. These resources help build strong programs throughout our community that serve thousands of students each year.

English Language Acquisition

classes are offered twice a week to help immigrants and refugees learn to read, write and speak English in order to improve their job skills and help their children with school work. These classes are taught by trained volunteers coordinated by Coalition staff.

Project BEST (Basic Education and Skills Tutoring) is a collaborative project between the Tarrant Literacy Coalition and White Settlement ISD Family Resource Center (FRC). Project BEST offers classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the FRC for adults who lack a high school diploma or equivalent. Trained volunteers, supervised by TLC staff, work with the students to help them improve their reading, writing, math and science skills as they prepare for High School Equivalency exam.

Outreach and Advocacy is an important part of the work of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. By keeping the public informed on the importance of literacy and the impact of low literacy on our community, the staff and board of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition know that they can increase resources for literacy programs, improve outcomes for literacy students, and involve more community members in efforts to provide literacy programming at the workplace, in the schools and where families and individuals receive other social services.

Our **Math Mastery Class & Summer Math Academy** are offered free of charge to adult learners who need help with the difficult subject of mathematics. Both programs are open to adults who are studying for the High School Equivalency exam and/or who need to improve their math skills for their job or to enroll in community college. These classes are both offered once a week and are led by skilled volunteers who love math.

Our Literacy Help Line helps more than 500 people each year find an adult literacy program in their neighborhood or near their job. By providing 'one number to call' we simplify the process for adults who want to start learning!

LEARN - Literacy Education and Reading Network - is a program overseen by the Tarrant Literacy Coalition which provides instruction for low level readers or adults who struggle with reading comprehension. Classes are taught by a Fort Worth ISD teacher four mornings a week in our Atmos Energy Learner Lab. Some students work with individual volunteer tutors as well. This collaborative effort helps adults build important skills for life and work.

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