

Family Literacy

One of the strongest indicators of a child's educational success is the child's actual family. The attitude of the parents toward learning and the literacy skills of the parents significantly impact the academic success of the child. From generation to generation, the family is the conduit for the passage of core values, knowledge, and skills that provide the foundation for learning in the early childhood years.

The Family Literacy Program is conveniently located at seven (7) sites: Kimmins Family Learning Center, San Jose Family Learning Center, University Area Community Center, Beth-EL Mission, Bowers/Whitley Adult Evening School, Reddick Elementary Adult Evening and Leto Adult Evening School.

The Comprehensive Family Literacy Program consists of a service delivery model that encompasses four key components that build and nurture the fundamental skills families need to be successful in their family relations.

- Parent and Child Together Time (PACT Time)
- Parent Education
- Adult Education
- Age-Appropriate Education for Children



Parent and Child Together Time (PACT Time)

Parent and Child Together Time empower parents in their roles as the primary teacher of their own children. It also strengthens the learning relationship between parent and child and helps parents feel more comfortable in their role as advocates for their child's education.



Parent Education

Parenting classes help provide parents with the opportunity to share their concerns with a trained instructor and/or their peers. It also helps them learn effective parenting strategies and further equips them to solve problems and work through day-to-day challenges.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes, ABE/GED or ESOL, help to raise the educational level of parents and help them gain the motivation, skills, and knowledge needed to become employed or to pursue further education for academic, personal, and social success in the home, school, and society.

Age-Appropriate Education for Children

Age-appropriate services in the children's education component follow the same guidelines as other quality educational programs for children in pre-K through high school. Culturally relevant, developmentally appropriate curriculum, is implemented. Parental involvement is central to the implementation of this component.



Component Integration

Frequently referred to as the fifth component of Family Literacy, component integration is the effective blending of the four components in a manner that inter-connects key elements across curricula.

Information adapted from the National Family Literacy Center (NFLC) and the Florida Department of Education, Division of Workforce Development Family Literacy Guide (2007).

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