



*Training, professional development and resources to promote adult literacy and help individuals overcome literacy-related barriers*

## Professional Knowledge-Sharing

### Training & Professional Development for Adult Literacy Programs

We help organizations **build their educators' skills** and strengthen their programs.

- Introductory tutor training seminar in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) or Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Special topic trainings for volunteer tutors, teachers and staff, including:
  - Special learning needs
  - Helping low-literacy students get job-ready
  - Lesson Planning 101
- Networking and capacity-building events
- Curriculum consulting

### Training & Professional Development for Organizations Serving Low-Skilled Adults

We help organizations **boost their participants' access to services**.

- On-site trainings for professionals in workforce, health, legal, home visiting and other settings
- Tools and best practices for working with adults with low literacy
- Customized guidance in creating low-literacy client-facing materials
  - Posters, flyers and handouts
  - Forms
  - Websites

## Direct Service to Adult Learners

### **ALL: Adult Learning in the Library**

We give adults in **high-need neighborhoods** a place to work on their skills.

- Drop-in tutoring for adults at select locations of the Chicago Public Library
- ESL, ABE/GED and Citizenship groups

### **OK Learn: Helping Parents Promote their Child's Learning**

We help parents **foster young children's literacy** and language development.

- Parent education workshops
- Free read-aloud books for home

### **Adult Education Helpline: 312-998-READ**

We refer callers to an ever-growing list of **adult literacy programs city-wide**.

- Adults seeking a place to learn
- Case managers on behalf of clients
- Volunteers looking for a place to tutor

### **Writers' Circle: Writing Residency Program**

We help adults **develop expressive writing skills** and realize the power of their own voice.

- Onsite writing workshops for adults
- Published writing collections