

New Features on www.c-pal.net

The Community Partnerships for Adult Learning web site features more than 400 resources, including research, articles, issue analyses, how-to guides, and links to journals and web sites organized in the following categories: creating communities, curriculum and instruction, workforce development, professional development, technology, and program management and evaluation. The site continues to grow, with additional resources, complete profiles of the communities, and *Commitment Comes in All Shapes and Sizes*. The profiles and summary report are available in both PDF and Word formats.



Discussion Forums

Visit the new Discussion Forums at <http://www.c-pal.net/forum/default.asp>, where you can ask questions, exchange ideas, and learn more about how communities are using partnerships to improve and expand adult education and workforce development services.

Sign On for Updates

Visitors to www.c-pal.net can now register to receive e-mail updates on Community Partnerships for Adult Learning. Go to <http://www.c-pal.net/index.html>.

Spread the Word

Help us disseminate information about Community Partnerships for Adult Learning by:

- ➔ Linking to www.c-pal.net from your organization's web site.
- ➔ Writing about C-PAL in your organization's newsletter or other publications.
- ➔ Downloading C-PAL materials (including this brochure) and distributing them to colleagues and at meetings.
- ➔ Participating in the Discussion Forums described above.

Community Partners Share Their Views

➔ *It [partnership] doesn't happen by magic. People work hard.*
—Nine Star Enterprises
Anchorage, Alaska

➔ *There's no other way to do literacy. You have to form collaborations.*
—Certified Literate Community Program
Houston County, Georgia

➔ *We partner for survival and have never seen a reason not to partner.*
—North Idaho College Adult Education Center
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

➔ *This is a true partnership. We work together; we plan together. . . . It allows us to go so much farther with our mission.*
—Juntos
Holyoke, Massachusetts

➔ *There's no limit to what you can get done, if you don't care who gets credit.*
—Donald H. Londer Center for Learning
Portland, Oregon



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Commitment Comes in All Shapes and Sizes

Community Partnerships for Adult Learning



Profiles of Partnerships in 12 Communities

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Improving Adult Education through Partnerships: Twelve Communities

As part of the Community Partnerships for Adult Learning (C-PAL) initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Adult and Vocational Education (OVAE), 12 communities across the country were recognized for their promising approaches to partnerships that are expanding and improving adult education opportunities. They were chosen because they demonstrate some or all of the qualities of successful community partnerships identified by a scan of the literature on partnerships and adult education.



With the assistance of many experts and practitioners in the fields of adult education and partnerships, 18 community partnerships were recommended to OVAE, which selected those described here.

The partnerships are geographically diverse, large and small, rural and urban. Most include some combination of adult education and literacy providers, state and local government, public school systems, community colleges, libraries, community- and faith-based organizations, workforce development agencies, and businesses. Some focus on special populations, and some are business-driven. All are committed to providing more and better services to adult learners.

These partnerships share a number of qualities important to successful partnerships in general. They have strong leadership, from individuals or advisory boards or both. They understand the needs of their community and share a common vision of how to meet them. They are creative in their efforts to leverage financial and other resources. And they foster collaboration at many levels among the partner organizations.

Complete profiles of these 12 communities can be found at <http://www.c-pal.net/profiles/index.html>, along with a report summarizing the findings from all communities, *Commitment Comes in All Shapes and Sizes*.

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Alaska: Nine Star Enterprises and its partners in Anchorage

Nine Star Enterprises is a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive adult education services over a vast geographic area in partnership with a variety of other agencies and community-based organizations.



Arkansas: The Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE) program and its partners in El Dorado

WAGE provides employment-related education to adult learners and upgrades the basic skills of incumbent workers through partnerships with businesses and community agencies.



California: READ/San Diego and its partners in San Diego City and County

READ/San Diego is a library-based volunteer program that provides literacy services, primarily through tutoring, across the city and county in collaboration with many types of partners.



Florida: The Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition and its partners in Palm Beach County

The Literacy Coalition promotes literacy services, coordinates services, and operates a literacy hotline in collaboration with partners across the county.



Georgia: The Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) and its partners in Houston County

The CLCP coordinates, promotes, and advocates for adult literacy services in this rural county by working with partners from nearly every sector of the community.



Idaho: North Idaho College Adult Education Center and its partners in Coeur d'Alene

The Center is responsible for adult education services for five rural counties and forms the hub of wide-ranging partnerships supporting adult education, workforce development, and family literacy programs.



Kentucky: Jefferson County Public Schools Adult and Continuing Education (JCPSAE) and its partners in Louisville

JCPSAE is at the heart of a many-layered partnership for adult education with businesses, higher education, and other community agencies and organizations in Jefferson County.



Massachusetts: Juntos and its partners in Holyoke

Juntos is a six-member partnership providing adult basic and secondary education, English literacy instruction, college transition, computer and family literacy, vocational training, and job search services to local adults.



Minnesota: The Cedar Riverside Adult Education Collaborative and its partners in Minneapolis

Cedar Riverside provides adult education, English literacy instruction, and support services to an East African (mainly Somali) immigrant community in a public housing facility.



Ohio: The Decker Family Development Center and its partners in Barberton

Decker is a three-member partnership among a university, hospital, and public school district that provides adult education and support services to a high-poverty community.



Oregon: The Donald H. Londer Center for Learning and its partners in Portland

The Londer Center, part of the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice (DCJ), provides literacy and other services to help ex-inmates reintegrate into their communities through its partnerships with other DCJ offices and community organizations.



South Carolina: The Midlands Literacy Initiative and its partners in Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, and Newberry Counties

The MLI is a coalition that works closely with businesses to design and provide workforce literacy programs and with other partners to provide literacy services to adults and families in this four-county area.