

Family Literacy Goes to School

How programs can help adult learners
make a difference
in the school lives of their children
from teacher conferences to homework help

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Webinar Series

Friday, March 29

Getting started: Laying the Groundwork for New Family Literacy Programming

Today!

Family Literacy Programming Goes to School

Thursday, May 2

Family Literacy 101: From Flyers to Food

Tuesday, June 4

Family Literacy on the Wild, Wild e-Frontier:
Strategies for Raising Digitally-Savvy Families

Housekeeping

- Please ask questions during the webinar as they arise.
- You will find high-quality, annotated family literacy resources in the slides at the end of this presentation.
- Starting tomorrow, you'll find this webinar archived on InfoPeople's website.





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Your Facilitators Today



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Questions from the Field

- Homework, homework, homework
- Communicating confidently with teachers
- Advocating for children in school
- Getting more involved in school meetings and conferences

Overview



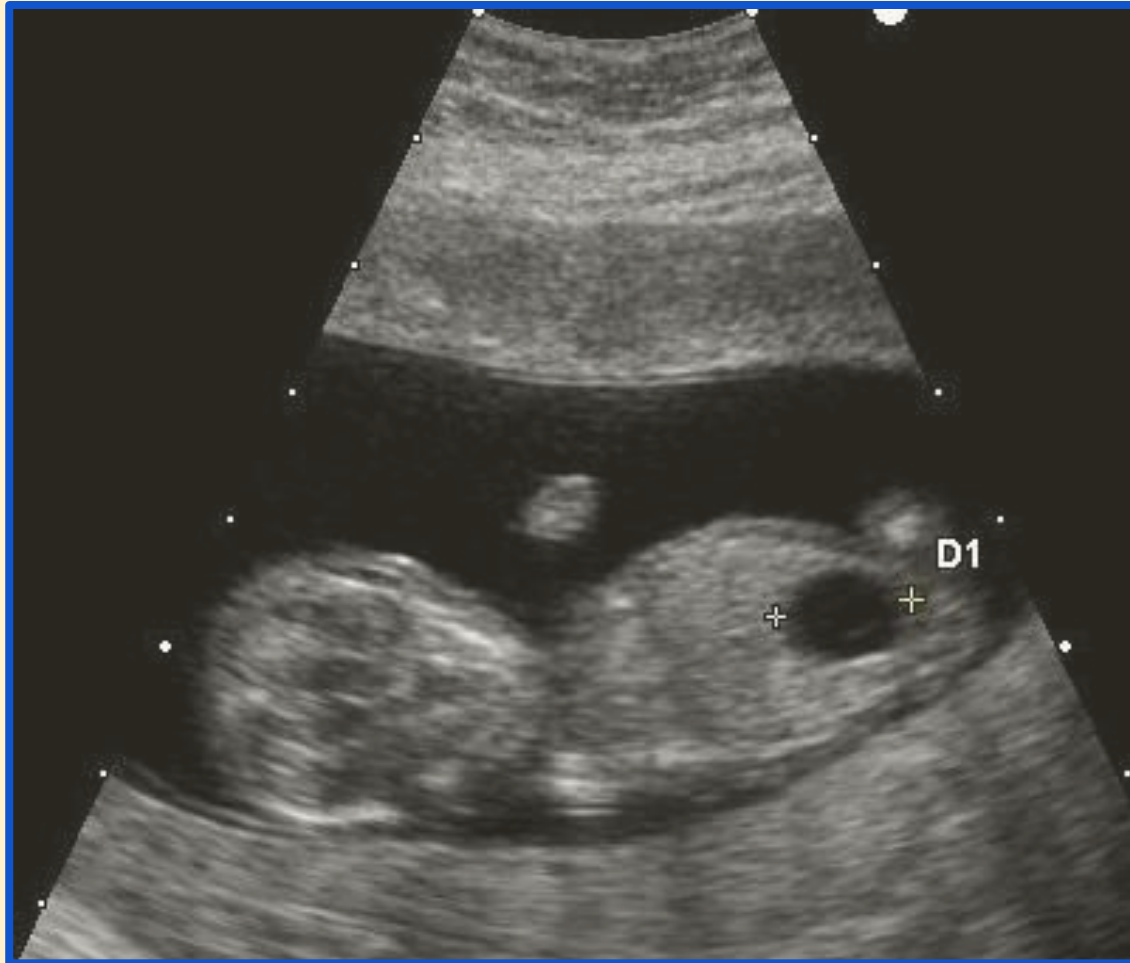
Three Assertions

- Adults coming to a family literacy program have a reservoir of knowledge to be shared. They are not empty vessels to be filled with information. A top-down program does not honor adults' knowledge and experience.
- Family literacy is about building a learning community
- School literacies and home literacies are not the same. Family literacy programming is about bridging these literacies, not supplanting one or the other.

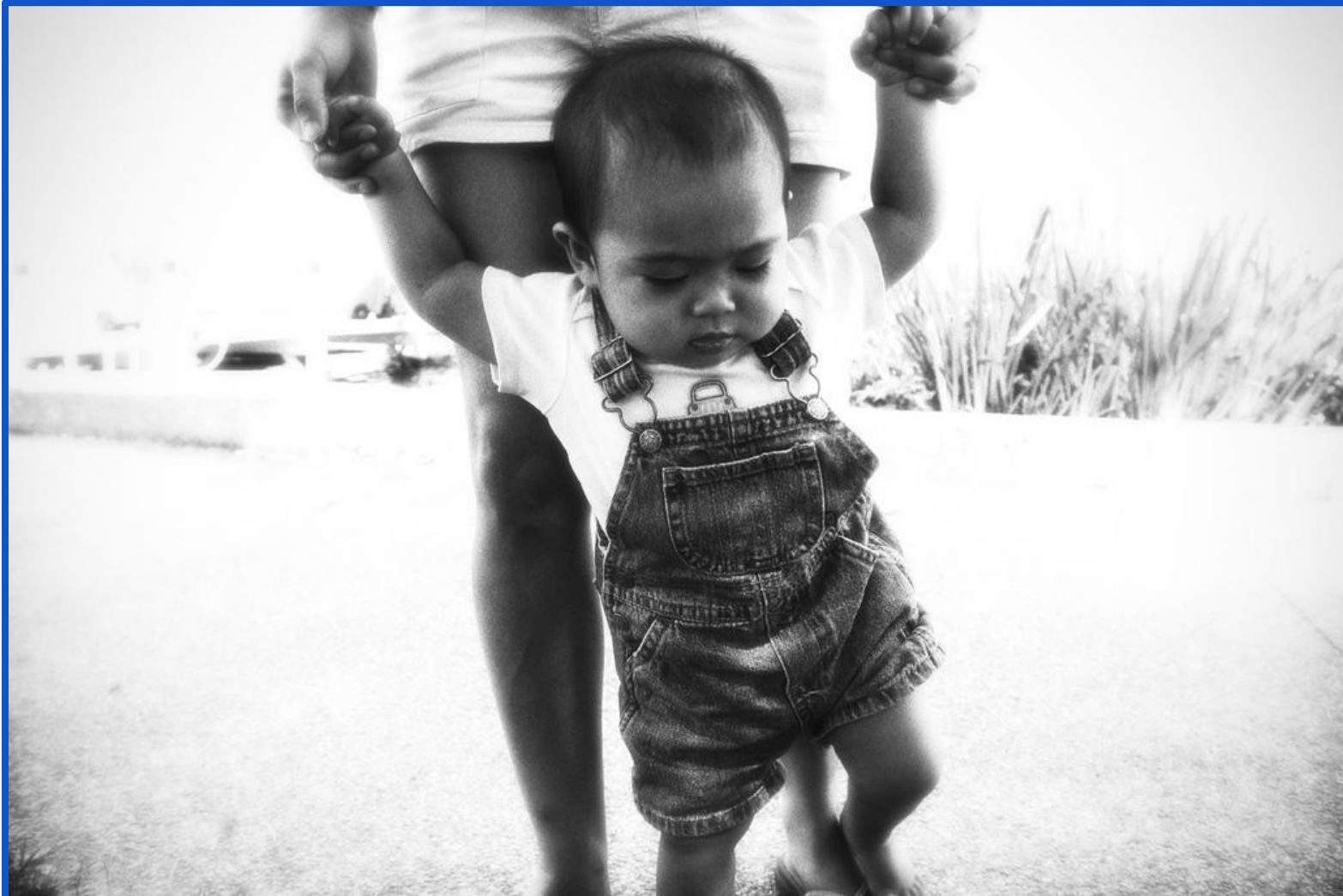
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A Nurturing Exchange



Honoring adult learners' roles



A Reservoir of Experience



Learners Must Guide Family Literacy Services



Assertion 2

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A Learning Community



Exchanging Knowledge



Curriculum



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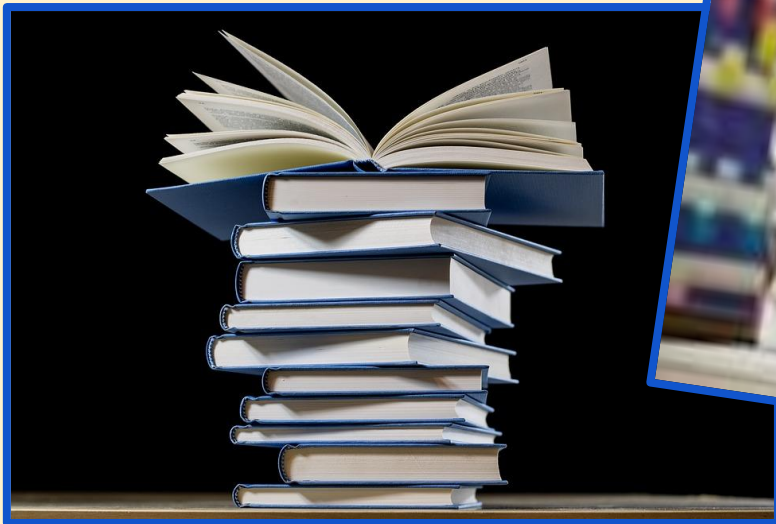
Home Literacies



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School Literacies



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Building Bridges



Research to help frame your thinking

For children to do well in school:

- Expectations *matter*
- Parent involvement can help

Meta-Analyses: The Effectiveness of Homework

- The value of homework for younger children vs. older children
- What about ideas of habit and discipline?
- Feeling a sense of competence and finishing a task or project (think puzzles, Legos, cooking)
- Specific, intentional teaching is the best homework tutoring

Homework Design

- What can “good” homework look like?
- Highlights of Interactive Homework bridging the home and school literacies
- Could this be a resource for adult learners to share and discuss with teachers and administrators when meeting about homework?

Thinking of your role as a
leader/teacher/facilitator/partner in learning

Consider a perspective from outside of
dominant culture: programming that
affirms diverse family literacy practices
with the goal of transforming communities
into better places for everyone.

Possible Program Structures

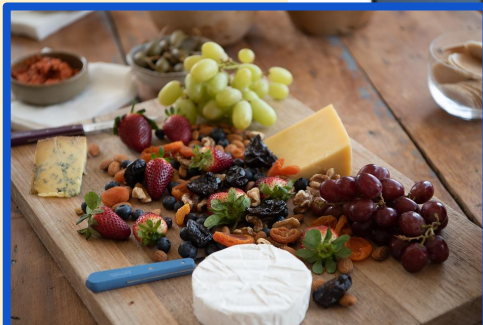
WHO



- A **group leader** who can stimulate discussion and inquiry in an adult learning group, and facilitate problem-posing, research and possible actions
- A couple crackerjack **volunteer tutors** who can work with children of different ages on homework and steer them to fun projects and activities outside of homework

Possible Program Structures

WHAT



360 accordion portable room divider
www.versare.com

Possible program structures



WHEN

- Some models recommend a 10 week timeframe
- How does a once-a-week, 1.5 - 2 hour meeting sound?
- Would after-school or weekend hours work, with a snack beforehand and dinner (or lunch) afterward?



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*Thank you
for your participation!*

Now check out these resources...

Resources

Frierian model (so it says) with a curriculum for ELL parents (spanish).
Provides training and set curriculum.

[Abriendo Puertas Opening Doors : ap-od.org](http://ap-od.org)

Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium resources including review of the literature and a comprehensive model for services that is far beyond our funding. Good for ideas, goals and aspiration.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/familylit/resources/>

Family Literacy Resources based on research of best practices: Penn State U

[Goodling Institute](#)

Resources

A must read for those who want a perspective outside of dominant culture. Freirian principles described and the use of culture circles for Family Literacy.

[De colonizing Family Literacy](#)

Resources

Resources for family literacy

<https://national-coalition-literacy.org/research/family-literacy/>

Resources

Blog site for parents with children who have learning disabilities; homework suggestions.

http://www.shiftyourthinkingld.com/blog/2018/3/26/when-homework-leads-to-nothing-but-tears?gclid=Cj0KCQjw7YbIBRDFARIsAKkK-dKxElyfWYZxb8mp5NbPpdQfqpszOXZehIEJWkwepWxIQyZcGjYSnDgaAireEALw_wcB

Resources

Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork (TIPS) is a resource to encourage teachers and families work together for student learning. TIPS Interactive Homework is an example of a high impact Family-School-Community Partnering strategy.

https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/tips_interactive_homework

Teacher manual with ideas that can be applied for curriculum and/or training

https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/tips_literacy_k_3_final_manual_for_teachers_cde

Resources

Links to family literacy resource (2018)

<https://national-coalition-literacy.org/research/family-literacy/>

Edutopia contains short, accessible articles. It focuses on K-12 education, but has sections on family and community involvement in schooling.

<https://www.edutopia.org>

Resources

Making literacy fun - activities. National Canadian initiative offers a list of activities for families in everyday situations for language development- bilingual adaptable

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-fun>

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