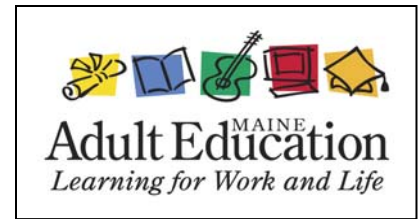


Family Literacy & IDEA



American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009

Include Adult Education to Assist Families

Local Educational Agencies receiving State Fiscal Stabilization funds may use the funding for any authorized activity in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and family literacy activities.

Comprehensive Family Literacy Programming includes all of the following 4 components: 1.) Parent Education, 2.) Adult Education, 3.) Child Education, **and** 4.) Parent-Child Literacy Interaction

Things to consider:

- Target low-income, at-risk families.
- Connect family literacy initiatives to RTI, Dropout Prevention, Curriculum Improvement and AYP.
- Hire a Family Literacy Liaison to conduct home visits each week with at-risk families who are reluctant to come to school events to work on family literacy activities.
- Strengthen pre-K programming so that children birth to 5 receive appropriate and enriching oral language and literacy development.
- Have adult education representative speak at parent events to discuss adult education services particularly targeted to family literacy activities.
- Invite parents in during the school day to work on literacy activities with assistance from adult education staff – align activities with MLR (emphasize math and reading).
- Offer summer literacy programming with parents and kids – include adult education staff.
- Have parent/child technology, science and career exploration activities.
- In addition to offering literacy activities that help their children with their literacy development, include activities that assist parents with their literacy and language development as well as literacy activities that address timely and appropriate health care, nutrition and family economics – solicit assistance from adult education staff.

IDEA: have special education professionals work with adult education to provide eligible adult education students with the necessary IDEA resources they may need to achieve their academic goals in an effort to attain a high school diploma or GED.