

LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Thousands of adults living in the Illinois Eastern Community College's district have less than eight years of education. Frontier Community College's Literacy Development Program uses trained volunteer tutors to teach adults to read. They work with adult learners who read below the ninth grade level. The program is free for adults and information is kept confidential.

The Illinois Secretary of State Literacy Grant Program and the Illinois Community College Board funds the program. Frontier joined the literacy initiative in 1984.

WHY LEARN TO READ?

Those who cannot read and their families suffer because they cannot:

- fill out job applications
- read training manuals
- read food labels or coupons in order to shop
- read a child's bedtime story
- read or write a personal letter



WHERE DO YOU START?

If you live within the IECC district and are interested in receiving literacy help or would be willing to volunteer, contact Jan Herman, the Literacy Development Program coordinator at FCC.

FAMILY LITERACY

Family literacy develops the parent's role as a first teacher by providing opportunities for parents and children to learn together. A grant from the Illinois Community College Board funds the Family Literacy Program.

WHAT CAN FAMILY LITERACY DO?

- Expand ideas of what is "in the world."
- Give children a better chance.
- Assist parents in advocating for children.
- Increase knowledge of child development.
- Build positive family relationships.
- Promote reading and education as fun.
- Provide resources for parents and children.
- Link families to libraries.

WHAT ABOUT PARENTING CLASSES?

Family Literacy offers parenting classes at various locations, including on campus and off campus, such as libraries; at various times, including day or evening; and for eight or 16 weeks in length.

WHAT ABOUT THE FAMILY FEST?

Family Literacy brings the community together at the annual Family Fest, a day of fun and learning for young children and families on the first Saturday in May.

WHO HAS INFORMATION?

Every parent may become a better parent by calling Janet Kent, the Family Literacy Program technician at FCC.

Adult Education Program



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FRONTIER'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM HAS ANSWERS TO CHANGE LIVES!

GED/ADULT EDUCATION

GED stands for General Educational Development. Persons not completing high school may earn a high school equivalency certificate by successfully passing the GED exam. Frontier offers tuition-free GED Preparation classes for students to review math, reading, writing, science, social studies and the Constitution, which are all covered on the GED exam. Classes are offered both day and evening at various locations.

WHAT ABOUT THE GED EXAM?

The GED exam is offered in various locations throughout FCC's district. The exam is given monthly on Frontier's campus. There is a \$35 fee for the test and testing requirements such as age and residency must be met. Call FCC for times and locations.

WHAT OTHER CLASSES ARE OFFERED?

Adult Basic Education courses offer assistance in reading, writing, math, computer and job skills on a basic level. Some students may need this review before enrolling in GED classes, while others may need to improve employment opportunities. Some may need these classes before entering secondary education. Parenting education and English as a Second Language classes are also offered in some locations. All Adult Ed classes are tuition-free.

WHO DO I CALL?

Contact Brenda Helm, director of Adult Education, Recruitment and Advisement at FCC for information



WHAT IS AEHS?

The Adult Education Human Services Program is designed to assist individuals in gaining self-sufficient employment. Employment is accomplished by various means, which include utilizing the AEHS job club, adult education specific skill training or entry into a certificate or degree program offered throughout the IECC district.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR AEHS?

AEHS is for eligible general assistance recipients, underemployed (low income) and unemployed people. A case management approach is used when working with the student/client in order to meet the individual's needs. After an initial interview/referral, a student/participant may be asked to participate in the AEHS job club, adult basic education, literacy program, GED or vocational classes and may eventually be encouraged to enroll in a certificate or degree program.

WHERE ARE THE CLASSES?

Students may take classes on any of the four IECC campuses: Frontier Community College in Fairfield, Lincoln Trail College in Robinson, Olney Central College in Olney or Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel.

Classes are offered throughout the fall, spring and summer of the academic year. A list of approved courses will be provided to the student. Tuition and books for AEHS-approved classes are waived for qualifying general assistance recipients in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Community College Board.

WHO DO I CONTACT TO GET STARTED?

Contact Jim Beers, the director of Human Service and Job Development Retention at FCC.

WHAT IS THE AEHS JOB CLUB?

Once a month a job search advisor travels to each local county's Illinois Department of Human Services Office. During these visits, the advisor offers information concerning how to conduct a job search in the IECC district. The information covered during these visits includes how to write a resume, interview, find job openings and retain a job.



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