

What we offer at Families & Literacy

Adult Basic Education/Pre-GED

Adults improve skills in reading, writing, social studies, math and science through the 8th grade level.

Adult Literacy

One-half of adults are illiterate or under literate. This program provides one-on-one and small group reading help with trained tutors.

GED Preparation

Students prepare to earn a high school equivalency certificate with the assistance of a certified instructor.

English as a Second Language

Adults learn and improve listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in English. These classes provide instruction on beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

Citizenship

Adults prepare for U.S. Citizenship. Course includes practice for the test, actual INS forms and a study guide.

Parenting with Love & Logic

This six-week class helps parents rear responsible children with good decision-making skills — Children who are self-confident, capable, motivated and ready for the real world. Parenting and teaching can be fun and rewarding, instead of stressful and chaotic.

For Kids' Sake

Designed for divorcing or separating parents, this half-day course provides strategies for parents to nurture their children through difficult times and transitions. This is a court-mandated class for divorcing parents with children under the age of 18.

Computer Instruction

Computer learning software may be used in conjunction with various classes according to the availability of space and scheduling.

Where to find us at Families & Literacy

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Solutions

from Families & Literacy, Inc.



... enabling Hill Country adults, through education,
to be better prepared to participate in the life of the community

Moments to remember



Thuy Thi Nguyen and Thuy Thu Nguyen laugh as they put pictures in order that illustrate a song to which they are listening in their English as a Second Language Class. Their names are very common in Vietnam like Mary Jones would be in English. They are not related in any way, but both are married and work as nail technicians, as do their husbands. Thuy Thu has moved to San Antonio, but Thuy Thi has continued classes and has recently brought another Vietnamese friend and nail technician back to take classes again after a hiatus of three years.



In keeping with the international flavor of her current class, Jody McCulley surprised them by appearing in her Tai Chi outfit topped with a coolie hat decorated with Halloween ribbons the day before Halloween. A portion of the class was spent discussing Halloween traditions, identifying Halloween symbols placed on the tables, and of course, sampling a few treats. Pictured with her is Yong Ross from Korea and Juana and José de Jesús Hernandez from México. Besides several other students from Mexico and one from Vietnam, two students from Burma (Myanmar) who run the Sushi Bars at H-E-B in Kerrville and Fredericksburg have joined the class this fall. Culture seems to revolve around food, in one way or another.



Alicia Vazquez's son Armando and granddaughter Jazlyn worked busily using items from their activity bags during the spring celebration.



Above: Out of a group of nine students who took citizenship classes during fall 2007 with Claudio Castillo and later earned their citizenship, three were present at the 2008 spring celebration. Alicia holding her granddaughter, Jazlyn, Juana Hernández, left, and Silvia Limón received bouquets of red, white and blue carnations from Director Carrie Arrington. Juana was excited about being able to vote in the upcoming fall elections. Her husband, who took the spring citizenship class, was waiting for his appointment to take his exam. Since that time he has passed his exam. Look for his picture in the next issue. He will be honored at the F & L end of semester Christmas celebration.

Left: Jody McCulley and Tereza Jiménez. Jody and Tereza became friends through the Christian Women's Job Corps. Tereza graduated with the 2007 fall CWJC class. Tereza went to CWJC during the day and took GED classes at night. She has passed all her GED exams except writing, so she plans to go back to classes soon. Jody coordinated the Career Development class in which Tereza developed her interviewing skills and learned how to produce a cover letter and resume. Jody commented that Tereza was a natural in the area of customer service and expressing herself effectively, so she was asked to speak and encourage other students at the spring celebration. She gave the presentation in both English and Spanish. You'll see her working at ReRuns these days.

Spring Schedule at Families & Literacy

GED Class

Tuesday/Thurs 6-9 p.m. Jan. 12-May 21
No charge for GED classes or texts

Pre-GED Classes

Mon/Wed 9-11 a.m. Jan. 19-April 29
Mon/Wed 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19-April 29
Tues/Thur 6-8 p.m. Jan. 20-April 30

English as a Second Language

Mon/Weds 7-9 p.m. Jan. 12-May 21
Tues/Thur 9-11 a.m. Jan. 13-May 21
Tues/Thur 7-9 p.m. Jan. 13-May 21

For class fees and information, call 896-8787.

Parenting — For Kids Sake

One class only
Saturday 8 a.m.-noon
January 10
February 14
March 14
April 11
May 9

Parenting With Love and Logic

6-week class
Wednesdays 6-8 p.m. Jan. 14-Feb. 18
April 8 - May 13

How can you help?

Donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Families and Literacy is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization that serves more than 500 people each year in Kerr, Gillespie, Kendall, Kimball and Bandera counties.