



# Make a Difference— Become a Literacy Volunteer

According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, there are 44 million adults in the U.S. with limited literacy skills. Even with the help available now, literacy programs can only reach about 10% of those people. Literacy programs need volunteers like you to help in reaching out to even more people.

## What can I do?

Literacy programs will help you find the right match of your interests and the program's needs. Some of the things you might do as a literacy volunteer include:

- Get training at a local program to tutor one-on-one or work with small groups of students to build skills in reading, writing, math, or speaking English.
- Teach work skills like helping a student prepare a résumé or work on interview techniques.

- Provide program support like answering phones, helping with record keeping, or laying out a newsletter.
- Donate in-kind services, such as prizes for special events, paper products, used equipment or tickets for an event.

## Who can I contact?

- Start with your local school system's Adult Education Department or your state's Offices of Adult Education.
- Contact local churches, community agencies, and libraries. They are often involved in programs to serve adults, including refugees and immigrants.
- Contact your local Even Start programs or other family literacy programs. They have adult literacy programs.

## More resources

- National Literacy Directory  
[www.nationalliteracydirectory.org](http://www.nationalliteracydirectory.org)