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The West CAP Literacy Program provides student-centered literacy training, tutor support and training, high quality educational resources, and literacy advocacy to help West CAP area adults achieve their individual goals and better their lives through improved literacy.

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Literacy Program



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Learners

The Literacy program offers one-to-one tutoring for adults that want to improve their literacy skills in order to better their lives.

Learners usually are individuals that had difficulty learning through the traditional education system.

Many have some kind of learning disability. Other learners were born in another country and are working on improving their English skills.

To be eligible for this program, clients must have a household income of 200% or less of the federal poverty level.

Tutors

Tutors are community volunteers that are trained to deliver student-centered education. Literacy skills include Basic English language speaking, reading, and writing. Basic math skills are also taught if needed.



Literacy Improves Lives

Lack of literacy skills often stops individuals from getting a job or advancing in their present job.

It also interferes with every day communications such as speaking with or writing a note to their children's teachers, doctors, or other providers of services they might need.

Some learners want to enter post-secondary education but do not have the needed English language skills to succeed. Some learners want to earn a GED, but need the one-to-one tutoring that the technical colleges cannot provide.

Jail Program

The Literacy program also has a presence at the Pierce County Jail. Tutors at the jail meet with inmates in a current events discussion group to help promote reading and speaking skills. The tutors also help inmates with resume writing and job searching while they are at the jail. Some inmates are tutored in preparation for the GED exams. Also, basic math skills needed for financial literacy are sometimes taught

Statistics *

5% of the population of Pierce and St. Croix Counties lack basic literacy skills. That is a combined total of over 4,000 people.

Pepin County has 8% of the population lacking in basic literacy skills. That is nearly 460 people.

* According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy State and County Estimates of Low Literacy 2003.

