

Today in Montgomery County, one in seven residents are potentially limited in their ability to speak, read and write the English language.



When adults learn English and develop literacy skills, we strengthen the community as a whole.

WHO WE ARE

MCAEL is a community coalition of public, nonprofit, and business partners that support more than 70 adult ESOL and literacy service programs, 1,500 instructors and staff, and over 20,000 adult learners. Together, the Coalition works to strengthen the community by helping adults gain the English literacy skills needed to reach their potential as parents, workers and community members.

OUR MISSION

MCAEL is dedicated to strengthening the county-wide adult English literacy network with resources, training, collaboration and advocacy to support a thriving community and an optimal workforce.

OUR VISION

All adult residents are employable, engaged, and empowered by literacy to achieve their full potential. All local businesses have access to an English literate workforce.

WHAT WE DO

Capacity Building

MCAEL undertakes the following activities with the goal of strengthening the capacity of adult English literacy service providers to deliver high quality, effective programs that meet the needs of learners:

For Providers

- ▶ Community Grants
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Technical Assistance
- ▶ Networking Meetings
- ▶ Resource Library
- ▶ Provider E-News List

For Instructors

- ▶ Trainings
- ▶ Resource Library
- ▶ Awards (Dr. Bhattacharyya Memorial Fund)
- ▶ Networking Meetings
- ▶ Instructor E-News List
- ▶ Job/Volunteer Postings

Public Engagement

MCAEL also works in the following ways to engage the broader community in supporting and addressing English literacy:

Knowledge Center

- ▶ Data Collection and Analysis
- ▶ Reports
- ▶ Provider Directory

Advocacy and Outreach

- ▶ Promoting Community Literacy
- ▶ Coalition Building
- ▶ Connecting Business, Government, Nonprofits and Individuals
- ▶ Local, State and National Policy Advocacy

Above: MCAEL providers gather to sign Literacy Scroll.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Help us to

- ▶ Provide more training for local instructor and program providers
- ▶ Fund more programs in the community
- ▶ Distribute information on available classes

What we need

- ▶ **Volunteers:** contribute your time as an instructor, tutor, or pro-bono consultant.
- ▶ **Donations:** provide direct financial support and in-kind contributions, such as classroom materials, computers and gift cards.
- ▶ **Advocacy:** contact your elected officials to let them know that English literacy is a priority. Let your friends and colleagues know that this is an issue that matters to you.

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Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy



“Teaching English allows me to help adults achieve their dreams. Learning English opens up doors and opportunities.”

Lori Dodson, Instructor, Spanish Catholic Center

“My name is Simone. I am a single mom, worker and immigrant living in this wonderful country. I think the most important challenge for me is to learn English. It is necessary in all levels of my life. First at home with my daughter. At her school with the teacher. At my work with my boss and every place I go.”

Simone, adult English language learner

“I believe that learning to read and write English is the most effective step one can take to enhance their ability to succeed in our county.”

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett

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