

MCAEL

Montgomery Coalition for

Adult English Literacy

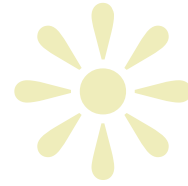


RESOURCES

TRAINING

COLLABORATION

ADVOCACY



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

**These individuals face isolation—
from their families, from
their neighbors, and from the
opportunities of the community
in which they live and work.**

**Like a golden key, adult English
literacy can open the door to
better job opportunities; to a
parent's ability to become more
engaged in their child's education;
to healthy living and access to care;
and to realizing one's full potential
as an effective, contributing member
of the community. When adults
learn English and develop
literacy skills, we strengthen the
community as a whole.**



MCAEL strengthens a vibrant network of over 60 adult English literacy providers who collectively employ over 1,500 paid and volunteer instructors and annually help over 20,000 adult learners improve their English literacy and workforce skills.

OUR MISSION

MCAEL is dedicated to strengthening the county-wide adult English literacy network with resources, training, collaborations 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.



**Adult English Literacy
strengthens our community**



WHAT WE DO

Build Capacity

Professional Development Institute MCAEL provides training, technical assistance, and collaboration opportunities for adult English literacy program staff and instructors in order to strengthen their effectiveness and cultivate a professional community in Montgomery County.

Provider and Instructor Networks MCAEL brings together diverse individuals from throughout the county to share ideas and resources, and to work more effectively in partnership. MCAEL provides a shared infrastructure that reduces costs and leverages community resources, building on best practices and local knowledge.

Community Grantmaking In partnership with Montgomery County Government, MCAEL works to increase the availability of high-quality adult ESOL and literacy services through program grants that support identified community needs and improve the quality of services offered to diverse populations. Funded programs must demonstrate measurable outcomes, and participate in capacity building programs offered by MCAEL.

Engage the Community

Knowledge Center MCAEL serves as a community resource for information on adult English literacy in Montgomery County. Our Provider Directory of Services and Learner Bookmark are the County's primary resources for information on available programs.

Advocacy and Engagement

MCAEL works to promote adult English literacy as a key investment opportunity that is central to family, community, and economic prosperity in Montgomery County.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Adult English Literacy Providers Organizations and Instructors can

- * **Meet** colleagues, get fresh ideas and resources, and collaborate through our network
- * **Receive** training and technical assistance
- * **Apply** for program funding

Community Members can

- * **Volunteer** as a classroom instructor or tutor and receive teacher training through our Professional Development Institute
- * **Join** our advocacy efforts — sign up today at connect@mcael.org
- * **Donate** time or in-kind resources to make literacy possible

Businesses can

- * **Strengthen** their current and future workforce by supporting worksite and community based programs
- * **Donate** financial or in-kind resources
- * **Encourage** employee charitable giving, volunteerism, and educational brown-bags on literacy — we can help

Please visit our website to learn more about how you can volunteer or make a contribution to support MCAEL's work.

Please visit our website: www.mcael.org



PHOTO BY MARIO QUIROZ

Letters from Our Learners

"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, who is in kindergarten and starts to speak much more English. At her school with the teacher. At my work with my boss and every place I go."

"My name is Sung Sim. This class is very important and I need to learn English. I can not communicate with the people in this society without learning English and very inconvenient to live in this country as if I am in deafness. Even if I am old I eagerly expect to speak English fluently in near future after learning with passion."

"My name is Oscar. To advance and better my life and my family's life I needed to take the first step: to learn English right away. My son started second grade this year and I take him to school everyday. I can talk to his teacher...We pronounce together the new words and numbers that he learns in school and I just love the feeling that comes when you can share moments like this in your family. Thank you America for giving me the tools needed for a better life through the ESOL classes."

Rachel Glass, *Executive Director*
rglass@mcael.org

Debbie Bhattacharyya, *Program Manager*
dbhatt@mcael.org

Ursula Richelieu, *Administrative Associate*
connect@mcael.org

301-881-1338
12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville, MD 20852

www.mcael.org