



# Tarrant Literacy Coalition



opening the door to opportunity.

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## Upcoming Events

- Labor Day (9/3)
- Read a Book Day (9/6)
- TEX Basic ESL Training (9/7-8, contact [canthony1000@aol.com](mailto:canthony1000@aol.com) for more details)
- TLC Open House (9/8)
- North Texas Giving Day (9/13)
- Third Thursday (9/20)
- First Day of Autumn (9/22)
- Adult Learning and Language Series (9/28) [Contact Joan Grigsby for more details.](#)

Check the website for a complete calendar of events and contact [Jennifer Rollins](#) to have your event added.

## A Letter from Jaise, Our New VISTA



Hi! My name is Jaise Bosmans. I have lived in the Fort Worth area for 17 years. I attended Arlington Heights High School and graduated from the University of Minnesota in May 2011 with a Marketing degree. I was in a sorority, Pi Beta Phi, where I was actively committed to our philanthropy which is Literacy. While at the university, I worked for the America Reads Project as an elementary school tutor for grades K-6th.

I specifically wanted to join Tarrant Literacy Coalition because they value the importance of literacy. I believe having decent literacy skills is an important factor in having a successful life. I joined AmeriCorps Vista so I would be able to work with Tarrant Literacy Coalition and help promote literacy to the DFW area.

I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the movies, and hanging out with friends. I am a competitive volleyball player and in college I was intramural league champion all 4 years. My goal is to attend law school next fall and then hopefully start my own family law practice. I am excited to be a part of this coalition and I look forward to the coming year.

## How Deferred Action May Impact Your Adult Ed Program

Written By: **Jennifer Rollins**

August 24, 2012

Recently we have received several phone calls from students striving to become eligible for the recently announced 'consideration of deferred action for childhood arrivals' issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security. Maybe you have also heard some of the buzz about this new proposition and wonder what you can do to help your students and clients.

One of the requirements of deferred action is educationally based. Each pursuant must have or be working towards a high school diploma or equivalency. Those who have not completed the educational requirement must be able to provide documentation of participation in a GED class that is funded in full or in part by federal or state grants. Programs not funded by state or federal grants may qualify if they are administered by providers of demonstrated effectiveness, such as institutions of higher education, including community colleges, and certain community based organizations. Considerations for community organizations not funded by federal or state grants include: duration of program's existence, program's track record in assisting students in passing the GED, placing students in post secondary education, job training, or employment; and other indicators of the program's overall quality.

ESL students may also meet the educational guidelines if involvement in ESL is a prerequisite for placement in post secondary education, job training, or employment and where a pursuant is working toward such placement.



If you are interested in ensuring your adult education services will assist applicants of deferred action you can contact USCIS at: 1-800-375-5283 or [visit their website by clicking here.](#)



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Please celebrate  
**International Literacy Day**  
with the **Tarrant Literacy Coalition**.  
We'll have refreshments and plenty of  
books and resources to share with our  
literacy partners.

**Saturday, September 8, 2012 ★ 10 am to 1 pm**

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*

-Nelson Mandela

## 3rd Thursday

Please plan to join us every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the TCC-Opportunity Center to Learn, Share, and Connect with other educators and volunteers from around the community. This month we have invited friends from the Arlington and Fort Worth Public Libraries to share and demonstrate online resources freely available for you to use through the library websites. After the presentations you will have an opportunity to check out many of these resources for yourself in the computer lab while networking with other literacy providers.

### Upcoming 3rd Thursdays:

September 13 <sup>th</sup>	TCC Opportunity Center
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	5901 Fitzhugh Avenue
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Worth, TX 76119
1:30-3:30 starting in Oct.	817-515-2500



## **On September 13, at 7 am, the giving begins....**



Give \$25 or more to Tarrant Literacy Coalition via [DonorBridgeTX.org](http://DonorBridgeTX.org) on September 13<sup>th</sup> between 7 am and midnight and your donations will be multiplied.



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