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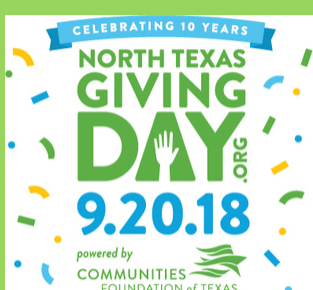


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Check out these online resources for instructors, students and families:

[softschools.com](http://softschools.com) - a great website with free games, worksheets, etc. in all subjects for all ages!

[mathplanet.com](http://mathplanet.com) - study math for free at this online math site

[ESLgames.com](http://ESLgames.com) - loads of free games and warm-up activities for English language learners

[learn4good.com](http://learn4good.com) - learning experiences and tools for students at high school and beyond level

Know a good online resource you like to use? Share it with us so we can share it with others! Email [info@tarrantlit.org](mailto:info@tarrantlit.org) and we will include it in our next newsletter!



Photo line up (from the top): (1) Project BEST students with Kathryn Thompson at the Tarrant County AEL Consortium graduation ceremony on June 14th. (2) Four graduates from a local program just before they received their certificates. (3) Joan Grigsby with graduate Elizabeth Luna (4) Summer Math Academy students Joanna and Maria, holding the prizes they won in the weekly class drawing.

Dear Literacy Partner,

Wow! Where did June go? If you're like me, your summer is flying by quickly. Independence Day has come and gone and here at Tarrant Literacy Coalition, we're already beginning to think about the fall semester, which will be here before we know it.

As we think about the remainder of the summer and the coming of fall, we are also planning our training schedule to provide resources to teachers, tutors and volunteers who deliver adult literacy instruction in our community.

YOU can help us out by taking just **five minutes** to click on [this link](#) and participate in our **Adult Education and Literacy Training Survey**. Please let us know your training needs so we can plan our next professional development event, as well as make plans for other training opportunities for the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019.

As always, thanks for all you do to help us fulfill our mission of empowering adult learners and those who teach them with high quality literacy services and resources so businesses can hire, people can work and families can thrive.

Until next time - stay cool!  
Kathryn B. Thompson



Our friends at ProLiteracy recently shared a report from the Literacy Assistance Center (LAC), [Investing in Quality: A Blueprint for Adult Literacy Programs and Funders](#), which details key components of a comprehensive, community-based adult literacy program. The Literacy Assistance Center launched this project in 2016 with the goal of creating "a 'blueprint' for high-quality, community-based adult literacy programs that could be used to guide program design, inform policy decisions, and identify true costs."

Highlights of the report include the critical building blocks for a high quality adult literacy program:

- A well defined program philosophy and goals that guide all program activities
- A clear process for outreach, intake, enrollment and orientation
- A program structure that maximizes student success
- Organized curriculum and instruction
- Student support services
- Pathways and supported transitions
- Integrated technology
- Ongoing professional development/training
- Integrated planning, assessment and evaluation
- Program facilities and resources
- Organizational mission, management systems and partnership

The Literacy Assistance Center is located in New York City, where adult literacy programs are provided through the NYC Department of Education, the City University of New York (CUNY), three public library systems and multiple community based organizations. Demographics of their students are in large part similar to our students in the Tarrant County area - 73% are between the ages of 18 and 44 and most are low income. More than 80% are Black, Latino, Asian or multi-racial. A significant portion are parents. The majority enter programs at low levels and need a good bit of time in class to show significant gains. The report also found that committed professional staff members, who were compensated for their work with adult learners, were a key factor in the sustainability and quality of community based programs. Locally, as we see many of our long-time, devoted literacy volunteers retiring and stepping down from some of our most vital programs, the need to take a closer look at whether these programs will survive without paid staff may become increasingly important. For more information about this report or the work of The Literacy Assistance Center, contact Ira Yankwitt at [iray@lacnyc.org](mailto:iray@lacnyc.org) For more information about ProLiteracy or how to become a member, log on to [www.proliteracy.org](http://www.proliteracy.org)

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[CLICK ON THIS LINK OR THE IMAGE ABOVE TO TAKE OUR TRAINING SURVEY!](#)

*Please take just 5 minutes to complete our survey and let us know your training needs. Thanks!*



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