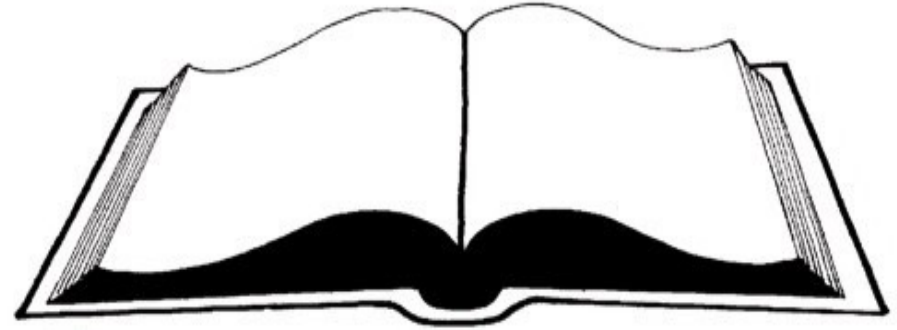



READ WEST INC.



ADULT LITERACY
CENTER

THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS ADULT LITERACY
BEGINS HERE



The need for services begins with educating adults with low literacy and teaching them the value of education. Those adults are more likely to extend the importance of education to their children, hence raising the education levels in New Mexico. According to Inside Higher Ed, "Parents who are highly educated give their children the benefit of educational role models and economic stability that will help them go on to complete more education and land fulfilling careers. Aug 4, 2021" (<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/02/08/students-postsecondary-education-arcs-affected-parents-college-backgrounds-study>)

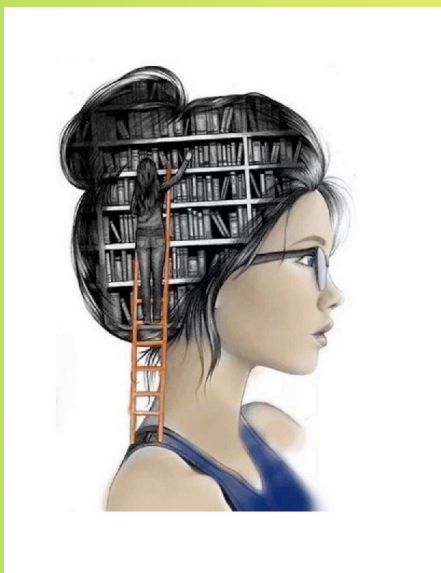
Educated adults are healthier individuals, and crime rates decrease as the population becomes more educated. According to the National Adult Literacy Survey, 70% of all incarcerated adults cannot read at a fourth-grade level, "meaning they lack the reading skills to navigate many everyday tasks or hold down anything but lower paying jobs." (<https://www.literacymidsouth.org/news/the-relationship-between-incarceration-and-low-literacy>)

Education assists in improving adult's mental well-being. "An extra year of education led to a lower likelihood of reporting any symptoms related to depression (11.3%) and anxiety (9.8%). More educated people also suffered less severe symptoms – depression (6.1%) and anxiety (5.6%). These protective effects are higher among women and rural residents." (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35797349/#:~:text=An%20extra%20year%20of%20education,among%20women%20and%20rural%20residents.>)

WHAT WE DO

READWEST, INC. IS A 501 © (3) NON-PROFIT ADULT LITERACY AGENCY PROVIDING ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING BY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS. READWEST IS AN ACCREDITED MEMBER OF PROLITERACY. SIXTEEN STANDARDS OF QUALITY ARE CONTINUALLY ACHIEVED TO MAINTAIN PROLITERACY MEMBERSHIP . SINCE ITS INCEPTION, WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER 4,000 ADULTS WITH LITERACY SERVICES AND ARE EXPANDING TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. READWEST HAS SERVED BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES FOR 34 YEARS.





OUR MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY IN-PERSON OR DIGITAL ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING AND/OR CLASSES TO ADULTS SEEKING TO TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES THROUGH ENHANCED LITERACY SKILLS.

OUR VISION

WE BELIEVE THE ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE IS ESSENTIAL TO ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING. READWEST EXISTS TO INCREASE LITERACY SKILLS FOR ADULTS AS THE MEANS OF ACHIEVING BASIC SURVIVAL SKILLS, PARENTING SKILLS, EMPLOYABILITY AND JOB SKILLS, CITIZENSHIP, AND FURTHER EDUCATION.

**STUDENTS FROM 27 COUNTRIES
ARE ATTENDING READWEST
CURRENTLY.**

READWEST OFFERS FREE ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING SESSIONS AND CLASSES FOR ADULTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
TUTORS PROVIDE LITERACY AND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION SERVICES TO ADULTS FOR WHOM ENGLISH IS NOT THEIR PRIMARY LANGUAGE. WEEKLY, TWO-HOUR, ONE-TO-ONE SESSIONS HELP LEARNERS ACQUIRE BEGINNING ENGLISH VOCABULARY AND CONVERSATION AS WELL AS BASIC READING AND WRITING INSTRUCTION.

BASIC LITERACY
OUR VOLUNTEER TUTORS ASSIST ENGLISH SPEAKING ADULT LEARNERS TO RAISE THEIR READING AND WRITING LEVELS IN PRIVATE, TWO HOURS SESSIONS ONCE A WEEK. THE WEEKLY TUTORING SESSIONS ARE ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THE STUDENT'S WORK AND PERSONAL SCHEDULE.

MATH AND FINANCIAL LITERACY
TUTORS WILL ASSIST STUDENTS WITH BASIC MATH, INTERMEDIATE MATH AND FINANCIAL LITERACY SKILLS. STUDENTS MAY ALSO ATTEND FINANCIAL LITERACY ONLINE. THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE STUDENT'S MATH SKILLS IN DAY TO DAY SITUATIONS AND ANSWER BASIC FINANCIAL QUESTIONS.



OTHER TUTORING AND CLASSES OFFERED:

COMPUTER LITERACY

TUTORS INSTRUCT THEIR ADULT LEARNER IN BASIC COMPUTER USE. IN MODULES DEVELOPED BY GCF GLOBAL, STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO USE THE INTERNET, SET UP AN EMAIL ACCOUNT, SEND AN EMAIL WITH ATTACHMENTS, APPLY FOR JOBS AND OTHER INTRODUCTORY COMPUTER USES.



PRE-HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PREP

A ONE-TO-ONE TUTOR WILL INSTRUCT ADULT LEARNERS ONE SUBJECT AT A TIME TO BECOME PREPARED TO TAKE THE HISET. THERE ARE 5 SECTIONS ON THE HISET EXAM. AT INTAKE, A PRETEST WILL BE GIVEN TO THE ADULT LEARNER. STUDENTS AND THEIR TUTORS FOCUS ON AREAS THE STUDENT TESTED AT OR BELOW A HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.



ALL TUTORS MUST COMPLETE AT LEAST 10 HOURS OF TRAINING AND ATTEND LEARNER FOCUSED WORKSHOPS TO TEACH AT READWEST



READWEST SERVES ADULTS 17 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER. CLASSES ARE FREE AND IT'S FREE TO SIGN UP.



STEP 1: SIGN UP IN PERSON OR ONLINE
[HTTPS://READWEST.ORG/STUDENT-INTAKE-APPLICATION/](https://readwest.org/student-intake-application/)



STEP 2: TAKE AN ASSESSMENT TEST AND ATTEND ORIENTATION



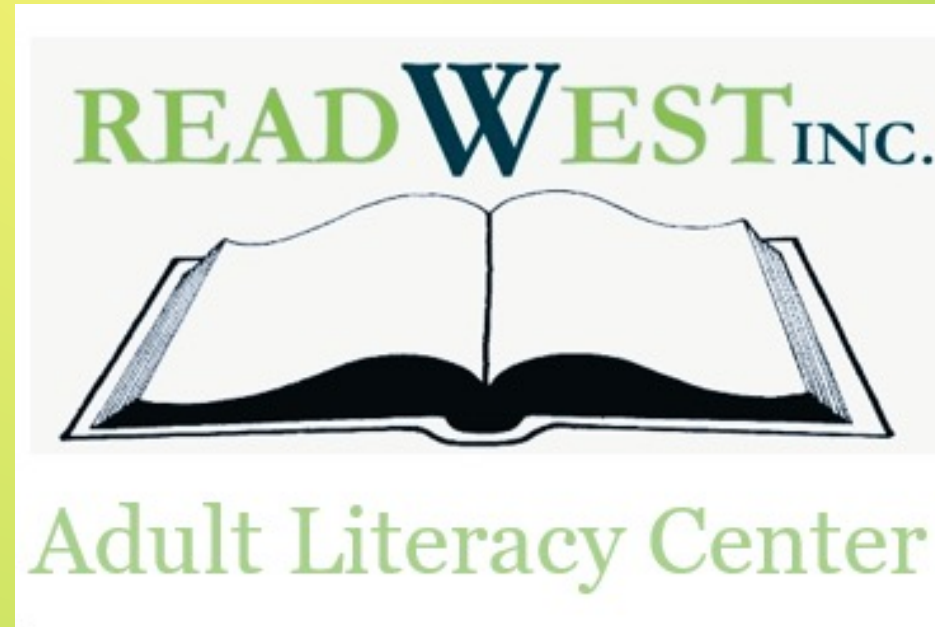
STEP 3: THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR WILL PAIR STUDENTS TO A TUTOR AND/OR CLASS

WE PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND HOPE FOR EACH STUDENT ENTERING OUR FACILITY.



Thank you for your time and this opportunity.

Questions?



Literacy Changes Lives!

Please contact me at cyndy.ratliff@readwest.org or by phone at (505) 892-1131 for additional questions or information.