

## FACTS ABOUT LOW LITERACY

85% of children who are arrested have reading difficulties.

70% of prisoners perform in the lowest two literacy levels.

24% of patients with low literacy skills did not know how to take medication four times a day.

75% of unemployed adults have reading or writing difficulties.

75% of all food stamp recipients perform in the lowest level of literacy.

A U.S. Department of Labor study revealed literacy problems in the southeast cost employers nearly \$57.2 billion annually. In Georgia that study found low literacy skills in the workplace are costing employers \$2.1 billion annually.

For additional resource information or to list your agency in future resource guides, contact:

*The Literacy Alliance*

P.O. Box 2123, Columbus, Georgia 31902

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# Community Resource Guide

## Adult and Youth Education Providers



**Not sure where to go?**

Listings of local agencies

that will help you find your way.

**Call today and MAP out your future!**

*Created by The Literacy Alliance, Columbus, Georgia*

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **Muscogee County Adult Learning Program**

Tillinghurst Learning Center, Sally Sinclair - Director

514 Morris Road, 31906 - 706-683-8741, ext. 110

*Free GED and transition to college classes at several locations.*

### **B.R.I.D.G.E. Group**

Willie Coleman - Director

1024 2nd Avenue, 31901 - 706-322-6433

*12-week program for 18-24. 100% free to those who qualify. Must commit to 12 weeks, drug-free, pregnancy-free for GED prep and life skills.*

### **International Friendship Ministries**

Joy Bone - 334-298-8439

*One-on-one reading, writing, and computer skills for adults. Paired with trained tutors.*

### **Mission Columbus Central**

3679 Steam Mill Road, 31906 - 706-507-4672

*Offers child care to GED students while in class.*

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

### **Muscogee County Adult Learning Program**

Tillinghurst Learning Center, 514 Morris Road, 31906 - 706-683-8741

### **Edgewood Baptist Church, Pastor Larry Lunsford**

3564 Forrest Road, 31907 - 706-561-7954

### **First Baptist Church, Dr. Ken Cochran**

212 12th Street, 31901 - 706-322-4468

### **St. Luke United Methodist Church, Ivelisse Quinones**

1104 2nd Avenue, 31902 - 706-256-1017

### **International Friendship Ministries**

Ron Collins - Director

3404 University Avenue (plus other locations), 31907 - 706-653-0097

## FAMILY AND CHILDREN

### **Columbus Dream Center**

4119 Oates Avenue, 31904 - 706-321-0022

*Homework tutoring for children K-8th grade.*

### **Enrichment Services Program, Inc.**

900 Linwood Blvd - 706-649-1600

*Belva Dorsey - Director, Head Start Program for 3 - 4 year-olds. Employment training.*

### **Teenage Parenting Center**

2701 11th Avenue, 31904 - 706-748-3125

*Pat Turner - Director, Judith Bixler - Child Development Coordinator  
Pregnant teens and teenage mothers who are still in school. Classes, child care, and transportation.*

### **Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)**

2100 Comer Avenue, 31901 - 706-649-7311

*Refers candidates to the Dept. of Labor & Operation MEN, offers soft skills and workshops for TANF recipients.*

### **Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System**

3000 Macon Road, 31906 - 706-243-2669 (other locations)

*Workshops, computer classes and programs for the whole family.*

### **Mission Columbus Central**

3679 Steam Mill Road, 31906 - 706-507-4672

*After school tutoring, English as a second language.*

## COMMERCIAL SERVICES

### **Education Guidance Services**

2901 University Avenue, Suite 12, 31909 - Sally Lasseter

*Tutoring for all subjects - fee.*

### **Sylvan Learning Center**

6367 Whitesville Road, Suite 300 - 706-563-9850

*Tutoring for all subjects - fee.*