

GRWDB Literacy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 2 p.m.

Join the meeting: https://meet.goto.com/411167173 Call in: +1 (224) 501-3412; Access code: 411-167-173

The **mission** of the GRWDB's Literacy Committee is to coordinate Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs across Hunterdon and Somerset Counties so that adults at all levels of literacy have access to quality literacy education that will help them develop the basic skills needed to:

- Earn a high school equivalency diploma
- Obtain and retain employment
- Progress to post-secondary education and apprenticeships
- Earn industry-recognized credentials
- Gain and maintain financial independence
- Become active and contributing members of the community

The Literacy Committee is a mechanism for collaboration, strategic planning, sharing and leveraging resources, and seeking additional sources of funding. Member literacy organizations focus on instruction that helps adults develop skills determined to be minimum pre-requisite qualifications for employment or training, including reading, writing, listening, speaking, critical thinking, problem solving, numeracy, soft skills and digital literacy.

The committee welcomes members from all sectors of the community including state-funded literacy providers, other literacy services providers, employers, social services and human services agencies, and members of the general public with expertise and interest in adult literacy in the two counties.

- I. Introductions
- II. November 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes*
- III. Immigrant safety in classroom setting/sharing <u>Immigrant Rights</u> information plus <u>eligible asylum and refugee services</u>
- IV. Overview of First Steps Basic English outcomes in the first 18 months
- V. FSBE future: streamlining enrollment, creating 25-26 calendar, transition plans (I'd like to touch on these topics, but schedule an in-person working meeting)
- VI. Other program updates, including new <u>RVCC ESL services link</u> and <u>Title II</u>

 <u>Instructor Mentor file</u>
- VII. Reminder of updated flyers; English and Spanish
- VIII. Other business and adjournment

* Please click on the hyperlinked items to view supporting documents