

## **Families for Literacy Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who qualifies for the Family Literacy Program?**

A qualifying family must have at least one child younger than five years of age and one parent, grandparent or caregiver who qualifies for our adult literacy services (speaks English and reads at or below the eighth grade level). Older siblings may attend program too.

The families that participate in FFL fill out an application at the first meeting.

The application for FFL consists of four parts:

- A one-sheet, front and back demographic questionnaire.
- A survey about reading habits (if any).
- A writing portion that serves as an informal assessment tool.
- Roles & Goals sheet.

### **Why do we provide FFL services?**

Research shows that the first three years of life set the stage for a child's future success in school. The more positive experiences children have with books and language, the better they will do in school. Parents can help by singing songs and finger plays with their children and sharing books with them. The family literacy program teaches parents how to be their child's first teacher, gives them books to build a home library, and teaches them songs and finger plays to do at home. The goal is to break the intergenerational cycle of low-literacy.

### **How long does the program take to complete?**

Each program lasts for an average of 1 ½ to 2 hours and families may attend programs as long as they like. Many families attend programs at more than one library.

### **What types of books and materials do we use?**

We use brand new, quality children's literature at every program. All of our books are appropriate for children ages 0-5.

### **How much does it cost to be in the program?**

The program is completely free, we only ask that families fill out paperwork at their first program.

### **If the person interested in the program doesn't speak English how do they enroll in the program?**

Our learners must speak enough English to sign themselves up for the program.