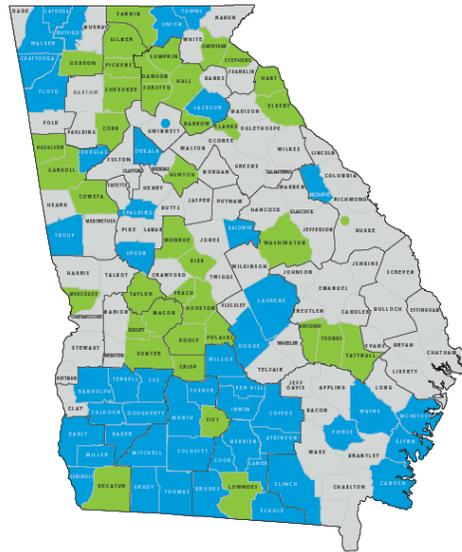


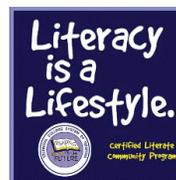
CLCPs Make a Difference

- GED® Testing scholarships
- Postsecondary scholarships
- GED graduations and receptions
- Volunteer and tutor trainings
- Student and volunteer recognition celebrations
- Adult Education class attendance incentives
- Stay in School campaigns
- School supplies donations and “Backpacks for Education”
- Computer training and parenting classes
- Book donations and distribution
- Academic essay and drawing contests
- Recognition of academic achievements in public schools
- Establishment of libraries in shelters, intervention centers and correctional facilities
- Public awareness events
- Health and Financial Literacy workshops
- Adult Education classroom space and materials and equipment for classes
- Adult Education teacher salaries
- Childcare and transportation for students
- The Dictionary Project for 3rd graders
- The Thesaurus Project in middle and high schools
- Summer reading programs
- Partnerships with civic clubs and others to promote reading and literacy
- Community involvement
- Marketing and advertising



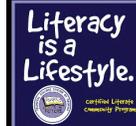
Certified Literate Communities
39 Counties / 1 City

Certified Literate Community Participants
48 Counties / 1 City



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CLCPs are about...

Economic Development

A Skilled Workforce

Parents able to help children with homework

Adults able to understand and follow directions for medicine

Individuals being able to read a map or road sign

Immigrants acquiring English language skills

Anyone acquiring computer skills

Lifelong learning and the acquisition of new skills at any point in life

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Background



In 1990, under the leadership of Governor Zell Miller, the state launched the Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) as a means of combating the problems of low literacy. The new program was placed in the Office of Adult Education at the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG).

CLCP takes a local, grassroots approach to making literacy improvement a community-wide commitment. Each one is a nonprofit collaborative that raises the visibility of literacy and provides support to local literacy providers and individuals in need of services. A network is formed to coordinate business, church, volunteer, social service, local government and schools, media and other efforts locally to reach, influence and support those who want to improve their education.

This flexible, community-based approach gives each CLCP a unique organization and set of connections. All are governed by volunteer boards that work to fund and promote literacy efforts. An executive director manages the day to day operations and directs activities designed to meet the goals of the CLCP. Funding sources vary and include individual donations, annual giving campaigns, fundraisers (such as spelling bees and charity auctions), grants, corporate contributions as well as in-kind resources.

To qualify as a participant in the program, a community must set the goal of reducing its functional illiteracy rate by 50 percent within 10 years. Road signs accompany Participant certification. When a CLCP reaches its stated goal, it may apply for the second level of certification as a Certified Literate Community.

Statistically Speaking

75% of unemployed adults have reading or writing difficulties

75% of all food stamp recipients perform in the two lowest levels of literacy

24% of patients with low literacy skills do not know how to take medication 4 times per day

50% of adults without a high school diploma are learning disabled

85% of all juvenile offenders have reading problems

7 in 10 prisoners perform in the two lowest levels of literacy

Low literacy costs Georgia \$2.1 billion annually

Removing language barriers can reduce time per task by 30%

Children's literacy levels are linked to the educational level of their parents, especially the mother

Children who have not developed basic literacy practices when they enter school are 3 to 4 times more likely to drop out

More than 60% of front line workers in goods-producing industries have difficulty applying information from a text to a required task

The US military spends \$70 million annually for basic skills remediation for new recruits

In the 21st century, 60% of all jobs will require skills that only 20% of the current workforce has

Over 1 million Georgia residents 18 and older do not have a high school diploma

What is the solution?

Create literacy community/business awareness

Support literacy programs in your workplace, church, civic group or neighborhood

Volunteer your time and talents—not everyone needs to teach

Support those who want to be a student—child care and transportation are the two most common barriers for adult learners

If not your time, then donate money

Get involved with a Certified Literate Community Program. CLCP has shown that communities can influence citizens to improve their individual lives while making their communities better places to work and live



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