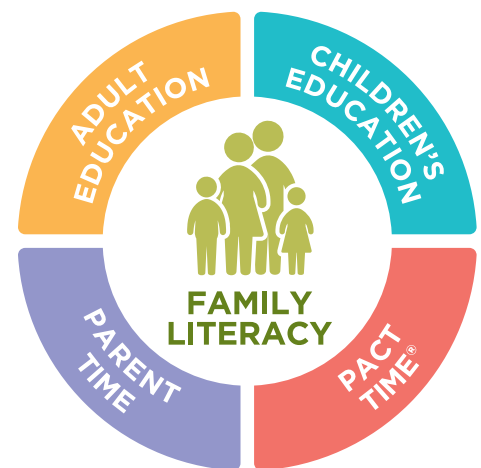


What is Family Literacy?

Family Literacy is a **four-component model** that requires an intentional, deep commitment of educators, community members, and families around four main areas of programming:

- 1. Adult Education:** Programs providing a foundation for adults wishing to improve basic academic skills, prepare for academic exams, enter workforce training, acquire English literacy skills, pursue postsecondary education, or meet other individually set goals.
- 2. Parent Education:** Facilitated time for parents and caregivers to learn together and gain skills that support various parenting experiences.
- 3. Children's Education:** Programs supporting the academic, physical, and social-emotional development of young children and older youth.
- 4. Parent and Child Together (PACT Time®):** A multi-generational learning experience where parents engage in joint learning activities with their child in their educational settings or self-selected spaces.



Why is Family Literacy Important?

- A literacy crisis remains across the US which prevents adult learners from reaching their fullest potential. Forty-three (43) million adults read at the lowest literacy levels (NCES, 2020).
- As a result of the pandemic, nine-year-olds lost ground in math, and reading scores fell by the largest margin in more than 30 years (National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2022).
- Adult and youth literacy are linked; by addressing adult literacy, it is possible to break generational cycles of illiteracy (Dollar General Literacy Foundation, 2022). Another way to say this is: when parenting adults reach their educational milestones, their children excel. This creates a multigenerational impact.

How Can Your Community Get Involved?

NCFL is the proven leader in this space. For over 35 years, NCFL has worked to support family wellbeing and success through education, impacting over 4 million children and families. Contact us to learn how you can support families in your community through professional learning, coaching, and multigenerational literacy programming.

Family Literacy is an essential part of NCFL's Family Learning System. You can learn more about this and our vision for thriving communities at **FamiliesLearning.org**.

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