

# Florida Literacy Coalition, Inc.

Florida's Adult and Family  
Literacy Resource Center



2007 ANNUAL MEETING  
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## MISSION

Established in 1985, the Florida Literacy Coalition promotes, supports and advocates for the effective delivery of quality adult and family literacy services in Florida.



## Training and Technical Assistance

As the host of Florida's Adult and Family Literacy Resource Center, the Florida Literacy Coalition (FLC) offers professional development opportunities which provide literacy practitioners and volunteers with tools and resources to enhance program quality.



This year we offered 28 training opportunities including:

- ESOL Tutor Training
- Health Literacy
- Basic Literacy Tutor Training
- Classroom Technology
- Introduction to Grant Writing
- Administrators' Round Table
- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Adult Education Research
- Learning Disabilities

## Promoting Student Involvement and Leadership

FLC works to educate and support adult learners interested in contributing back to their programs and communities.

Special initiatives include:

- Literacy Ambassador Training Program
- Regional Adult Learner Leadership Trainings
- Adult Learner Day
- Statewide Adult Learner Essay Book
- Research study: *Success Factors in High Achieving Adult Learners*



2007 Literacy Ambassadors

## Supporting Volunteer Based Literacy

Workshops and technical assistance included:

- Train the Trainer Course
- Tutor Training
- Trainer Coaching Corps
- Americorps VISTA State Project
- 3rd Annual Literacy Leadership Institute



## Promoting Literacy and the Toll Free Hotline

FLC promotes reading and raises awareness about literacy issues in Florida. A trained referral specialist provides on call information about education programs and volunteer opportunities throughout the state.

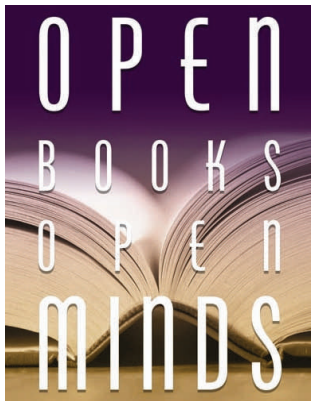
- Governor Recognized September as Florida Adult and Family Literacy Month
- Partnered with Newspapers and Education programs.

## Resource Sharing, Networking, and Communications

- One hundred and eight different resources are available free through our Clearinghouse.
- The *Literacy News* Newsletter
- Discussion Lists.
- Tutor Resource Center
- *Florida Literacy Data and Statistics Reference Guide*
- Website: State Partner of the National Institute for Literacy's LINCS system. Since July, our website has logged over 65,700 visitors.



## Florida Literacy Conference



One of Florida's premier literacy events, this three day annual conference offers a wide range of training and networking opportunities to literacy practitioners and volunteers.

**Date:** May 7-9, 2008 at the Regal Sun Resort at Walt Disney World

## Other Projects/Initiatives

- Health Literacy – GROWS Family Literacy Program
- Children's Book Distribution, 3000+ books.
- Financial Literacy Project – Partnership with the Region III Adult Literacy Center and the Financial Planning Association of Central Florida



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