

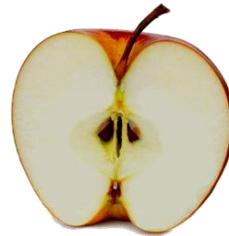
CORE Initiatives:

CORE Learning Center:

Literacy West NY, Inc. was awarded the prestigious Literacy Zone grant in 2009 from the NY Department of Education as a result of the collaboration through CORE.

The Literacy Zone grant established the CORE Learning Center. This center is designed to connect families and community members to comprehensive services, resources, and case management support. Health Literacy, Financial Literacy, Disability Services, Educational Support, Workforce training, and other support services are offered throughout the year. Over 60 partners support this program.

The focus of the CORE Learning Center is to serve the Genesee Valley and Friendship School Districts. However, all services are open to anyone regardless of their location.

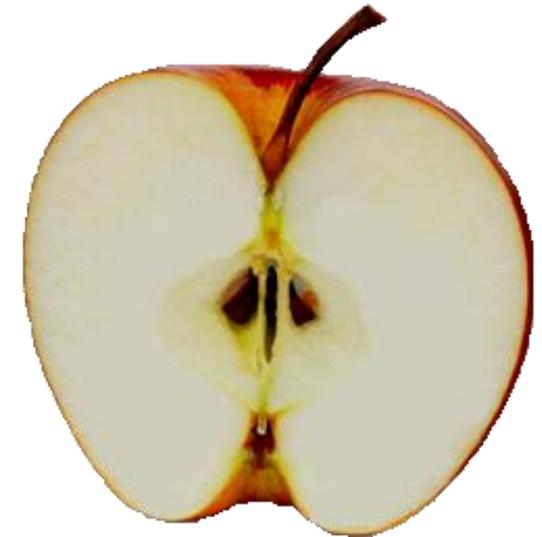


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*Creating Opportunities
for Rural Education*



Allegany County, New York



Our Goals:

- Establish an interdependent partnership to promote systemic and environmental changes to address low literacy rates, access to services, and lack of workplace skills.
- Assess the educational, support, and workplace needs of the consumers, institutions, agencies, and businesses to determine needs and outcomes.
- Develop an educational information and resource system to increase awareness of and access to educational and workplace services and supports.
- Provide coalition sustainability and systemic change through partner collaboration, quality services, and the utilization of new and existing resources.
- Provide a wide range of opportunities tailored to enrich the lives of those for whom poverty and dependence are a way of life.

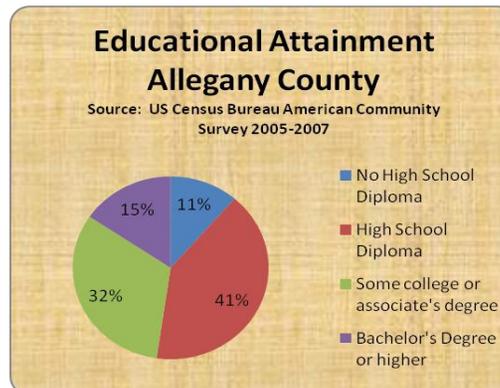
What is CORE?

CORE is a collaboration of educators, human service providers, employment and training personnel, and other professionals working together to address community needs in the areas of literacy, education, and workplace skill development.

Our mission is to build partnerships that raise awareness, promote educational services, and expand employment opportunities to meet the changing needs of Allegany County.

What is the challenge?

In Allegany County, literacy rates are low and not enough people have the education needed for high-tech employment. CORE seeks to help by increasing educational resources for all ages.



Do You Know...

How many adults in Allegany County do not have an education higher than high school?

The US Census Bureau estimates that 4400 adults in Allegany County have less than a high school diploma.

How many adults lack basic literacy skills?

The National Center for Educational Statistics (2003) reports 12% of adults 16+ years lack basic literacy skills.

Why is this a problem?

The modern workforce is highly technical. Without basic literacy skills, people are limited in their employment options because they lack the skills required to be hired.

What you can do to help?

You can support the CORE vision by joining the coalition, volunteering time and money, or improving your education so that you can inspire others to do the same.