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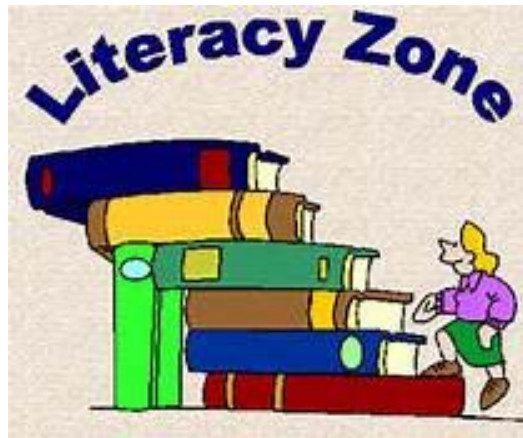
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- Niagara County Dept. of Social Services
- Niagara County Employment & Training
- Niagara County Workforce Investment Board
- NYS Department of Labor
- Niagara County Sheriff's Department
- Niagara County Probation Department
- Niagara County Mental Health Association
- Cornell University Cooperative Extension
- Lockport Public Library
- Literacy Volunteers of Niagara County
- Lockport City School District
- New York State Dept. of Motor Vehicles
- Independent Living of Niagara County
- YWCA of Niagara
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Family and Children's Services of Niagara
- HANCI
- Senator George Maziarz
- Mayor Michael Tucker
- Veteran's Service Agency
- Everywoman Opportunity Center
- City of Lockport Drug Court
- Niagara County Community College
- United Way
- Niagara Community Action Program, Inc.
- Council for Older Adults in Niagara County
- VESID
- Niagara County Head Start
- Literacy NY of Buffalo-Niagara Inc.
- American Red Cross



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SERVICES PROVIDED



Employment Services

- Job Search
- Resume Writing
- Interview Skills

Financial Literacy

- How to prepare a budget.
- Opening a bank account



Health Literacy

- Preparing nutritious meals.
- Using hospital services

Computer Training

- Keyboarding
- Basic Computer Skills
- Microsoft Office



Literacy Preparation

- ABE/GED Classes
- English as a Second Language (ESOL)
- TASC Exam Site

OBJECTIVES



Our goal is to offer lifelong literacy opportunities by concentrating on supporting the whole family...children and adults. The Literacy Zone partners (The

Coalition) support the project with staff, space and referrals. The Literacy Zone partners are committed to providing a comprehensive educational and support team approach for Niagara Falls residents to provide pathways out of poverty.

Through association with the Literacy Zone, the client's barriers can be identified, skills can be remediated, and goals can be addressed. This will lead to self-sufficiency!

The Literacy Zone provides linkages to Partner agencies providing:

Parenting Skills

Short-Term Job Training

Academic Links for Parents

Transition from Incarceration Services

Inter-generational Activities

Food Pantries and Clothes Closets

Career Development Exploration

STATISTICS

- Unemployment rate over 10.4%
- Community demographics indicate that 20.6% are living below the poverty level. The number rising to 33% for single
- Over 50% of Temporary Assistance Applicants have demonstrated below the 9th grade reading level.
- The median household income is \$36,698 compared to \$56,951 in the rest of the state.
- 15.4% of children are from one-parent households and depend on some type of public assistance.
- 8.5% of all pregnancies were to women 18—19 years old. This is the highest of upstate urban counties with the rate being 7.4%
- Lockport CSD has a graduation rate of 69.1%
- According to Head Start, approximately 56% of children entering kindergarten are not ready for school.