

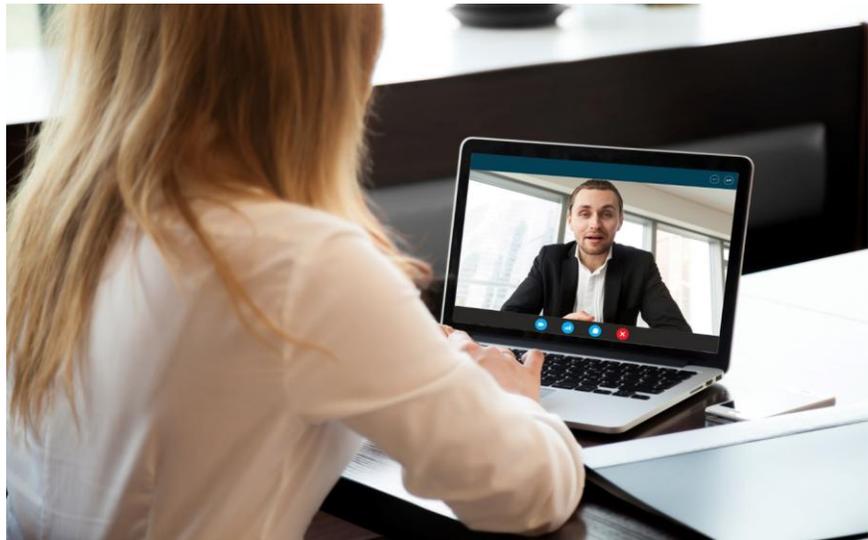
Literacy Council of Carroll County

A Message from Sam Greenholtz, Executive Director

April 25, 2020

To all our friends, supporters and colleagues,

The staff and I here at the Literacy Council hope that you and your families are well during this COVID-19 pandemic. The LCCC offices have been closed since March 23rd but, we have been continuing to serve some of our clients via social media and electronic communications. While this method has proven to be a challenge, it certainly is a project that we will continue to pursue after the pandemic is over and we are once again “open” for business.



This will be an expensive transition going forward as we will need additional computers and distant learning applications. However, as this current issue has affected our day to day relations with our students, this may very well be the best solution available. Our students’ lack of the appropriate equipment to participate will be the challenge we will need to address first and foremost.

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As all non-profit groups, we have been hard hit with a major loss of projected revenue. Our Spelling Bee, which typically generates over \$5000 for the Council, was scheduled for the 23rd of April, has been cancelled without a make-up date. This, along with other sources of funding not being available to us until later in the year, has put significant pressure on our financial picture.

In response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19, we will be part of

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, a day of global giving and unity on **May 5th**. I am asking that you consider a gift to the Literacy Council of Carroll County. We will provide additional information by May 1st.

Remember, when we do finally re-open our office, we will be here to help you with any type of training your employees may need. We can help them with any deficiencies they may have in reading, writing, math or other areas of learning. We can assist them in being able to take and pass any certification classes, licensing tests such as CDL, electrical, plumbing, and others. Our Main Street and Veterans Programs will be available. We can work with schedules to allow for the least disruption to you and your employees daily routines.

We are available to talk with you or your employee between 9:30 and 12:30 Monday through Friday. Our telephone number is (401) 857-0766. You can also leave a message anytime and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Please take care of yourself and family until this health emergency has passed.

Stay safe!

Sam Greenholtz

Executive Director



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Adult Literacy and Basic Education*

The impact of low adult literacy on---

The Need

- 8.1 Million adults dropped out of school before the eighth grade.
- 1.5 Million of people with the lowest literacy levels are incarcerated.
- Since 1983 more than 10 million Americans reached the 12th grade without having learned to read at a basic level.

Economic Impacts

- Each year employers spend more than \$125.9 billion on training, including remedial reading, writing, and math skills.
- Each high school dropout costs the US economy \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes, and productivity over his or her lifetime.
- If half of the dropouts from the class of 2008 had graduated, it would equal \$4.1 Billion in additional earnings, \$2.8 Billion in spending, and \$1.1 Billion in investments.
- Improved education results in huge potential savings in public assistance costs – welfare, food stamps, and public housing of between \$7.9 and \$10.8 billion.

*The above information was provided by Pro Literacy.