

..... Children's Trust of
Alachua County
and
Alachua Board of
County Commissioners

BUILDING COMMUNITY LITERACY TOGETHER

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Agenda

Introduction of the Literacy Collaborative: Marsha Kiner, ED Children's Trust

Reviewing Literacy and the Plan: Theresa Beachy, CNE

The Literacy Catalyst Project: Leah Galione, ED PEAK Literacy

Community Input: Facilitators

Wrap up and Questions

..... Literacy Collaborative



What is Literacy?



Literacy is the ability to read and write at a level that allows full participation in one's community and work.





Why we are here

The Gap.....

For many years, we have seen students and adults in our county struggle with reading and writing. The Children's Trust and Alachua County Commission had a report created that showed us where we need to make changes to do better.

The Idea

Local leaders agreed to put money into community-based programs that can support what our schools are doing and improve literacy for kids and for any adults that need help too.

The Process.....

We are building local teams that will create activities that families can use at home, online, and through community programs. We will see what works best and expand the programs for years to come.





The Plan

Teams

The teams of people working together to help what the schools are doing to build literacy.

Community

The goal is to work in neighborhoods that need support, in all ages, and locations people can get to, so we can make change

Growing

Programs that work will be grown in more community spaces so we can expand the work till we reach our goals



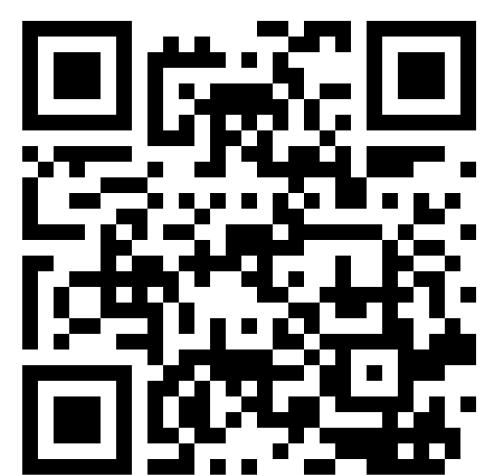


PEAK Literacy

PEAK Literacy is leading the way with their Literacy Catalyst Initiative: Let's hear from them!

Leah Galione, Executive Director

- **Direct Literacy Services to Youth**
- **Literacy Capacity Building**
- **Parent Engagement**
- **Adult Education**



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Our Facilitators

Dr. Naima Brown, VP for Student Affairs Santa Fe College

Ian Fletcher, COO Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce

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Ground Rules

- Respectful language
- Walk up and make a line to use the mic
- Stay on topic Be
- Don't talk over others
- 2 minute time limit



Your Input

What things do you think get in the way of students and adults learning to read?

What kind of literacy resources or programs would help kids and adults in your community?

How could we help families to use literacy resources and programs at home or in your community?



What Comes Next

Fund programs

In this initial round, community-based reading programs working with Peak Literacy, the Children's Trust, and Alachua County Partnership Program can apply for money for staff, materials, and training to build services starting this spring.

Build teams

We are working with experts to create activities for kids and adults

Train

We will train the community-based groups to use what works into their programs.

Advisory Council

We will build an Advisory Council to get community feedback and keep us on track. If you want to join, let us know by raising your hand!





How We Can Work Together

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We will come to your neighborhood



Our team will come talk to your church, PTA, civic group or neighborhood center to hear from you

Teachers and School personnel can contact Heather Harbour for information on how to get involved at school

Tell us more



We want to hear from you!
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Questions?



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