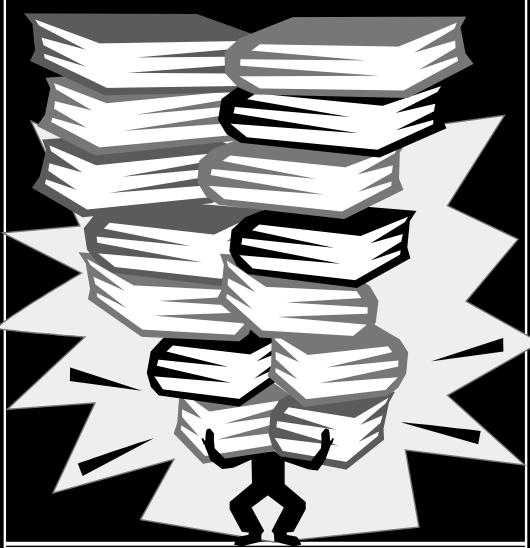


Current Research and Future Directions









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National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) National Institute on Aging (NIA)

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The NICHD, NIA, NIFL, and U.S. Department of Education are pleased to cosponsor a series of Dear Colleagues: technical assistance workshops on Adult and Family Literacy. These workshops are aimed at assisting those interested in responding to the recently published research solicitation, RESEARCH ON ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY, which can be accessed at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-02-004.html. Linked with this solicitation is "Adult and Family Literacy: Current Research and Future Directions - A Workshop Summary," also available on the World Wide Web at http://www.nichd.nih.gov/crmc/cdb/AFL_workshop.htm.

Each workshop will feature presentations by Federal government experts and nationally recognized researchers with expertise in grant writing, the peer review process, and research methodology. In order to facilitate your participation, we have scheduled workshops in various geographic regions.

By attending a workshop, you have an excellent opportunity to learn about the grant writing and review processes, types of research questions, designs and methods that are most likely to be able to address the questions in the solicitation, and to have your questions about the solicitation answered by the authors of the solicitation. In addition, you will be able to meet and network with others interested in the important but under-researched areas of Adult and Family Literacy.

The ultimate goal of the workshops is to improve our ability to meet the literacy needs of lowliterate adults and of families who wish to foster the literacy development of their young children. Many of the members of the targeted research population are minorities, many of whom are English language learners, and many of whom live in poverty. Thank you for your efforts and interest in this crucial area of research. We look forward to working with you.

On behalf of the interagency partners,

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	Agenda
8:30 am	Coffee, Registration
9:00 am	Welcome
9:15 am	Overview of the Research Funding Partnership and RFA HD-02-004: Research on Adult and Family Literacy
9:45 am	Research Design and Methods: Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Studies Dr. David Francis, University of Houston
10:45 am	BREAK
11:00 am	Qualitative Research and Combined Methods Dr. Fred Erikson, University of California-Los Angeles
12:15 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	The Grant Application Process
2:30 pm	BREAK
2:45 pm	The Peer Review Process
3:15 pm	Questions & Discussion
4:00 pm	ADJOURN

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Note: There is NO FEE for these workshops. Please indicate the workshop you plan to attend. Washington, DC San Diego, CA Houston, TX March 15th January 28th February 6th Name and Degree(s) Title **Employment Affiliation** Address City ZIP State Daytime Telephone Fax E-mail Address Please complete and return the registration form by mail, fax, or e-mail to: **Esther Roberts** 1700 Research Blvd., Suite 400 Rockville, MD 20850 301-294-5607 phone 301-294-5401 fax eroberts@hq.row.com

Walk-in registrations will be accepted.