

Adult and Family Literacy: A Research Funding Opportunity

Current Research and Future Directions



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Washington, DC – Jan 28th • San Diego, CA – Feb 6th
Houston, TX – March 15th

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

Department of Education

December 28, 2001

Dear Colleagues:

The NICHD, NIA, NIFL, and U.S. Department of Education are pleased to cosponsor a series of 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 low-literate 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

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Note: There is NO FEE for these workshops.

Please indicate the workshop you plan to attend.

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