

ABOUT PROLITERACY

ProLiteracy is the largest organization of adult basic education and literacy programs in the world — an international nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization created by the 2002 merger of two pioneer organizations in the adult literacy field, Laubach Literacy International and Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.

ProLiteracy:

- **Advocates** for public policies that benefit adults who are learning to read, write, and do basic math. ProLiteracy speaks in a loud voice for the one million adult learners served each year by its national and international members and partners.
- Provides a range of **professional development and training, technical assistance,** and **credentialing** services for program directors, instructors, trainers, and volunteer tutors working with adult learners in the United States. ProLiteracy's annual **conference** offers unparalleled support for the programs that offer one-on-one, small group, and classroom instruction to adult learners. Internationally, ProLiteracy works with existing non-governmental agencies using a methodology called **Literacy for Social Change** that combines reading, writing, and math lessons with community development projects—building wells for clean water, for example, or starting revenue-generating micro-enterprise projects.
- Publishes **educational materials** that address learning needs and difficulties for youth in grades 6–10, GED students, and adult learners. ProLiteracy produces the only weekly newspaper written in plain English. Proceeds from sales of these **New Readers Press** materials support ProLiteracy programs.
- ProLiteracy's members in the United States include adult basic education and literacy programs and individuals who oversee those programs, instruct adult learners, train volunteer tutors, and volunteer to teach adults. These members teach adults to read, write, do math, and speak English as a second language in their communities in all 50 United States and the District of Columbia.
- ProLiteracy's grassroots partners in 65 countries of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, and Eastern Europe teach native language literacy lessons with community projects related to the environment, economic self-sufficiency, education, health, family literacy, and peace/conflict resolution. Small grants and internships support ProLiteracy's international partners.
- **National Book Scholarship Fund** provides domestic literacy programs offering adult literacy, English as a second language, and family literacy with New Readers Press materials.

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