

Iowans Supporting Adult Literacy Today!

Advocating for the education of adults left behind as children.

Why do we need I.S.A.L.T.?

Federal funding of Adult Basic Education (ABE) continues to fall short of the \$1 billion dollar pledge made in 1991. The adults who were left behind as children desperately need ABE programs to gain access to further their education and training. A change in the federal funding formula will result in an addition 10% reduction in Iowa adult literacy funds for the 2009-2010 program year.

Presenting a challenge for the best and brightest among us, undereducated adults are suffering tremendously from the current economic crisis. It is a cruel irony that this economic crisis has resulted in increased demand for adult literacy while the funding available for these essential programs is being cut.

Adult literacy or ABE/ESL programs in Iowa have operated since 1965 on Federal funds and the benevolence of their local institutions. The state of Iowa is the only state that does not provide targeted funding for Adult Literacy Education. There are community colleges in Iowa that provide significant funding for their programs, although most programs operate on the federal allotment and the 25% matching funds.

What is I.S.A.L.T.?

I.S.A.L.T. is a new nonprofit entity licensed in the state of Iowa. Pending approval of the IRS 501c3, membership fees and donations will be tax deductible.

The organization membership will include administrators, instructors, support staff, students, business and community members. Initial efforts will be directed toward membership and empowering learners, instructors, staff and administrators to engage in the political process and advocate for the needs of the adult literacy program with local legislators and community college officials.

I.S.A.L.T. can become the professional organization for Adult Literacy program staff in the state of Iowa as well as the vehicle for students, friends and supporters to show support. Organizations in other states provide not only advocacy leadership, but also statewide professional development efforts, student scholarships, and sharing of curriculum and best practices.

I.S.A.L.T. is your organization. It can become whatever you want it to be.

How Can You Help?

Show your support for adult literacy programming in Iowa. Become a founding member. Share this information and application with ANYONE who might be interested in helping. (fellow staff members, administrators, business partners, students, supporters, family, friends, etc.) Say YES! Follow-through when asked to contact legislators and engage students in the process.

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Membership Application

Membership & Donation Categories (check one)

- Adult Literacy Program Student \$5
- Concerned Citizen \$10-\$19.99
- Associate \$20-29.99
- Friend \$30-49.99
- Partner \$50-99.99
- Supporter \$100-249.99
- Champion \$250-499.99
- Lifetime \$500 or more (can be paid in 10 monthly installments)

Name: _____

Institution/Organization: _____
(if applicable)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

I am interested engaging my time and talents to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designing a Logo/Letterhead | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Scholarship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Privacy Policy: I.S.A.L.T. does not sell, rent or share its membership database.

Please make check payable to ***I.S.A.L.T.*** and mail to **I.S.A.L.T.**
PO Box 135
Long Grove, IA 52756-0135

\$ _____ Membership Fee

\$ _____ Donation

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Both membership and donation will be tax deductible.
Receipts with tax-deductibility will be sent upon IRS 501c3 approval.
Thank you for supporting ***I.S.A.L.T.!***