It is estimated that one in four children may be plagued by literacy problems. Many other Americans cannot read as well as needed for success in life.

… "Starting Out Right A Guide to Promoting Children’s Reading Success," by the National Research Council

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE? WHO CAN HELP?

These workshops offer strategies that parents, caregivers, teachers, school officials, librarians, employers and community leaders can put to action to help children become successful readers.

One of life’s greatest pleasures is the joy of reading.

HERE’S WHAT OTHER PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID ABOUT

READ FOR JOY

Read for Joy provided me with so many resources to use in planning for my class so it could be a rich language and literacy setting.
… a Head Start teacher

Now I really will pay attention to those bedtime stories and not hurry my children to get the book read.
… a parent

This was great information! I hope all parents can learn about this.
… public librarian

Thank you for helping make our family night such a benefit to parents and staff.
… school administrator

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Workshops for:
Parents,
Caregivers,
Teachers,
Librarians,
Employers,
and
Community Leaders
These workshops are designed to:

- enhance parent involvement in learning
- promote children’s reading success
- bring together teams of people in organizations and communities to organize for a community of readers
- inform employers about the role they can play in a literate workforce

Raising healthy children includes reading to them early in life.

Reading together strengthens the bond of the family across generations through shared experiences to enjoy.

Read for Joy Awareness
(1.5 to 2 hours)
Designed especially for parents offers:

- an introduction to early literacy.
- basic learning conditions to provide both at school and at home.
- why reading with children is so important to learning success.

Read for Joy Application
(6 hours)
Designed for an in-depth experience that leads to:

- how the child’s brain develops
- seven conditions which lead to engaged learning
- characteristics of home and school environments that produce effective readers
- strategies for using literature effectively with children at home or at school
- community partnerships which support family literacy

TO ARRANGE A WORKSHOP IN YOUR COMMUNITY

I would like to schedule a Read for Joy workshop in my community.
Please contact me to set up:

☐ an awareness workshop
☐ an application workshop

Audience (type and size):

Name: ____________________________
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