

Motheread, Inc

The Motheread[®] Institute

The Motheread Institute is based on a curriculum and approach for teaching literacy skills to adults. It uses children's literature and adult poems/narratives as the basis for instruction. These texts provide a format for adult learners to develop skills in all four areas of literacy: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The nationally recognized instructional model and curriculum have been applied in a wide variety of settings.

CURRICULUM

The innovative curriculum for use with adults builds literacy skills and is organized around child and family development themes. Accompanying each lesson is a take-home *Story Extender* for parents to use. *Story Extenders* provide specific activities to encourage literacy development at home and focuses on strengthening the parent and child bond.

PARTICIPANTS

Family literacy programs, Adult Basic Education, Head Start, Title I, Even Start, parent education, community-based literacy, Parents as Teachers, libraries, corrections

TOPICS

The 20-hour interactive training addresses a variety of teaching approaches and learning styles. It combines individual assignments, small group work, lecture and discussion.

- Use of story: thematic analysis
- Adult classes: use of parent education and literacy development curriculum, instructional techniques, lesson planning, preparation and presentations
- Evaluation: authentic assessment, student goals, measuring student outcomes, using standardized measures
- Program implementation: start-up, recruitment and retention, program development, and integration of curriculum into existing program structures and requirements

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