

Literacy Day
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END Georgia's Literacy Crisis

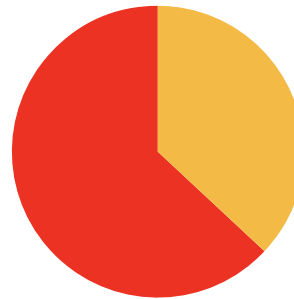


1.7 million

Georgia adults have low literacy skills. The poverty rate is twice as high for adults without a high school diploma.

63 percent

of 3rd grade GA students can't read proficiently; these students are more likely to drop out of high school.



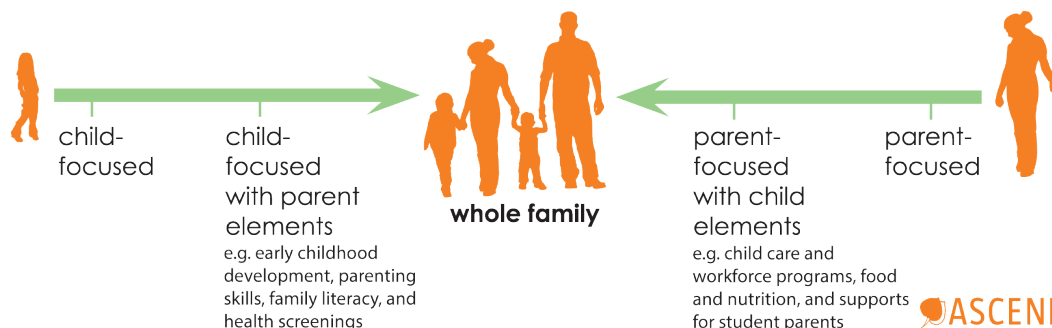
Adults with low literacy skills cost Georgia taxpayers an estimated

\$1.3 billion

annually in incarceration costs, social services, and lost tax revenue.

Maternal education level is the strongest predictor of a child's educational outcomes, that's why a two-generation approach to literacy improvements is the most effective way to ensure a family's well-being.

The Two-Generation Continuum



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How can YOU help END Georgia's literacy crisis?

Recognize and communicate the importance of reading to and talking with children.

Visit Words2Reading (words2reading.com) to learn ways to best interact with children for their early brain development.

Share with adult learners the fact that Georgia's Technical College System offers FREE adult literacy and GED courses; to find a college, go to tcsg.edu/find-a-college/

Support your local library as a critical literacy partner; most libraries offer broadband hotspots and reading programs for adults and children.

Advocate for summer and afterschool programs that focus on improving literacy skills.

**Ready to activate your community around literacy?
Contact the Governor's Office of Student Achievement,
www.gosa.ga.gov.**