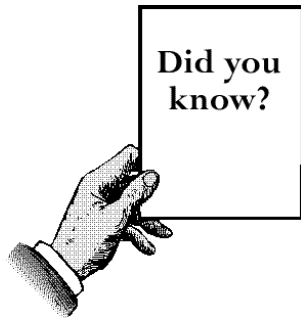


Fact...

- One-fifth of America's first graders are from low-income families. Half of these children start school as much as two years behind their peers in terms of development.
- 24 - 32% of the population ages 16 years and older in the Greater New Orleans Area function at the lowest literacy level.¹
- Children are learning all of the time in every situation.
- Family literacy programs can be a powerful tool in supporting parents and helping their child's educational long-term growth and development.
- YOU are your child's first and primary teacher!



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The William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program

*Serving the communities of
Southeast Louisiana since
January 1992*

*Family Literacy:
Helping families get from where
they are to where they want to be!
~ National Center for Family Literacy
(NCFL)*

¹ Literacy Alliance of Greater
New Orleans, 2006

What is a Family Literacy Program?

A comprehensive family literacy program provides activities of sufficient intensity and duration to make sustainable changes within a family.

A family literacy program integrates all of the following components:

- Literacy activities between parents and their children;
- Training for parents on how to be the first and primary teacher for their children as well as, being full partners in their children's education;
- Parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency; and
- An age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school.



What is the purpose of the Westbank Even Start Family Literacy Program?

The purpose of Even Start is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities for parents and their young children (ages six weeks to seven years of age).

The project integrates adult education, early childhood education, parenting education and parent and child interactive literacy time (PACT).

A child-driven early childhood center is provided at each of our conveniently located family literacy centers for infants and toddlers while their parent(s) attend adult education and parenting classes.

There is no cost to attend this program; however, you must meet the following admission criteria:

- ✓ Have a child between six weeks and seven years of age; and
- ✓ Parent must be in need of academic upgrade (i.e., GED, job readiness skills, etc.)



The components of a comprehensive family literacy program:

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- Adult Education/English as a Second Language (i.e. GED, ESL, etc.)
 - On-site Early Childhood Education
 - Parenting Education
 - Parent and Child Interactive Literacy Time (ILA/PACT)
 - Monthly Home-based Instructional Visits