

# Parent Professional Learning Peer Literacy Educator

## What is a Peer Literacy Educator?

A Peer Literacy Educator is a parent/guardian who is interested in learning and sharing information with other adults about the importance of literacy in helping a child be successful in life.

## What Does a Peer Literacy Educator Do?

- Learn how easy it is to increase a child's success in school
- Learn information designed to help parents understand the importance of talking and reading to their child
- Learn language activities that can be used anytime, anywhere
- Share the excitement and fun with other parents after attending training

## Who does the program serve?

This program serves all Head Start, Early Head Start and ECEAP families. This program is offered in English and Spanish, with interpreters available for other languages.

## What do Peer Literacy Educators gain from this program?

Past Peer Literacy Educators have said that becoming a Peer Literacy Educator:

- "gave me more confidence in myself"
- "helped me not to be so shy"
- "pushed me to go back to school"
- "I read to my child every night"

Peer Literacy Educators receive training in literacy, experience teaching groups of adults, and a certificate of participation. This is a leadership opportunity to help parents grow. It's also a great experience to add to their resume. If Peer Educators wish to continue their involvement in the program after the first year, they can request to return and be used as mentors for the new peer educators.

## What is the time commitment?

Peer Literacy Educators spend about 20 hours in training. After the training, Peer Literacy Educators are expected to complete at least 3 activities/presentations of the literacy curriculum at their own and/or other sites.

## How do I refer parents?

- Meet with parents and discuss the Peer Leadership Opportunities available
- Complete the Parent Professional Learning Referral Form
- Fax or mail the completed Referral Form to the ESD by the deadline listed on the Parent Professional Learning Opportunities page

**Please Note: Incomplete Referrals Will Not Be Processed**