

**OKALOOSA-WALTON  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Literacy Center  
100 College Boulevard  
Niceville, Florida 32578

Hours: (M-F: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Telephones: (850) 678-5111, Extension 387  
(850) 892-8100

President: Dr. James R. Richburg  
Director, Literacy Center: Ms. Barbara D. Jones

**Services Offered:**

Beginning Reading; GED; ABE. Referral network for literacy providers in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Presently serves 1700 students.

**Instructional Style:**

One-to-One tutoring as classroom supplement; Classroom instruction. Uses volunteer tutors.

**Eligible Participants:**

Anyone 16 years of age or older, not enrolled in public school. If student has a high school diploma, the assessed literacy level must be below 9th grade level.

**Training of Volunteers:**

Coordinated with Americorp Project.

**Locations of Instruction:**

Ft. Walton Beach, Niceville, Crestview, DeFuniak Springs, and Freeport. Student instruction 2 - 20 hours per week.

**To Enter:**

Contact literacy center for literacy level assessment and referral to the appropriate program. Serves Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

**President:**

Dr. J.R. Richburg, President  
SUNCOM: 687-1211

**Local Directors:**

Dr. Ned Couey  
Dean of Technical, Vocational Education  
(850) 729-5366; SUNCOM: 687-1366;  
FAX:(850)729-5215

Ms. Barbara Jones, Division Director  
Adult Education - Chautauqua Center  
(850) 729-5344; SUNCOM: 687-1344  
FAX: (850) 892-8198

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OKALOOSA COUNTY  
Adult Education**

120 Lowery Place, S.E.  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548-5547

Hours: (M-F: 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)

Telephone: (850) 833-3206  
SUNCOM: 674-3206  
FAX: (850) 833-3400

ACE Coordinator: Mr. J.J. Steele, Jr.  
Student Services Director: Ms. Annette Lee

**Services Offered:**

ESL; GED/GED Testing. TABE Assessment.

**Instructional Style:**

Computer-Assisted Instruction; Classroom instruction. Uses volunteer tutors.

**Eligible Participants:**

Anyone 16 years of age or older, not enrolled in public schools.

**Fee:** None.

**Locations of Instruction:**

Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach; and Crestview High Schools, Crestview.

**To Enter:**

Call the office of adult education.

**Description:**

Provides ESOL and GED classes for educationally disadvantaged adults. Classes and books are provided free of charge. ESL students are required to take the TABE test. GED students are given the Official Practice Test of the GED.

**Superintendent:**

Mr. Walter Gordon  
Superintendent of Schools  
120 Lowery Place S.E., Administration Building  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32548-5547  
(850) 833-3109; SUNCOM: 674-3109  
FAX: (850) 833-3401; FIRNVX::SUPTOKAL

**Local Director:**

Dr. Mary Jo Sisson, Director  
Vocational Technical Education  
1976 Southwest Turner Boulevard  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32547  
(850) 833-3116; SUNCOM: 675-3144  
FAX: (850) 833-3284

**MARY ESTHER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

100 Hollywood West  
Mary Esther, Florida 32569



Telephones: (850)243-5731  
FAX: (850)243-4931

Librarian: Ms. Betty L. Robertson  
FIRNVX::ROBERTB1

**Services Offered:**  
Information on local literacy programs and referral.

**RSVP - LITERACY VOLUNTEERS**

207 Hospital Drive, N.E.  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Hours: (M-F: 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.)

Telephone: (850)833-9165, Extension 254  
FAX: (850)833-9174

RSVP Project Director: Ms. Rebecca L. Cowan

**Services Offered:**  
Beginning Reading; ABE; ESL; Family Literacy;  
Volunteer Tutor Training - LLA and LVA.

**Instructional Style:**  
One-to-One tutoring; Classroom; Uses volunteer  
tutors - LLA and LVA.

**Eligible Participants:**  
Anyone who cannot read. Students in ABE Classes.

**Training of Volunteers:**  
Basic Tutor Training - LLA and LVA Methods.

**Fee:**  
Books, if able to pay.

**Locations of Instruction:**  
Various sites throughout Okaloosa County.

**To Enter:**  
Interview with RSVP/Literacy Coalition personnel.

**Description:**  
Provides tutor training. Matches tutors with students  
in one-on-one, ABE classes, and family literacy  
settings. Developing outreach through the Public  
Health Department. Member of the Okaloosa-Walton  
literacy Coalition.

**RESOURCES**

**Chambers of Commerce:**  
Crestview Area Chamber ..... (850)682-3212  
Destin Area Chamber ..... (850)837-2711  
Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber..... (850)244-8191  
Niceville/Valparaiso Bay Chamber. .... (850)678-2323

**Florida Literacy Coalition, Inc.:**  
Ms. Anita S. Rodgers, Executive Director .... (407)246-7110  
E-Mail: FLLITERACY@AOL.COM FAX: 246-7104  
Florida Literacy Hotline Referral Service (800) 237-5113

**Florida Congressional Delegation:**  
Senator Bob Graham ..... (202)224-3041  
Senator Connie Mack ..... (202)224-5274  
Congressman Joe Scarborough. .... (202)225-4136

**The Florida Senate:**  
**Childers, W.D.** ..... (850)944-3900  
District S-1: Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa,  
Walton, Washington  
**Clary, Charles W. "Charlie"** ..... (850)833-9159  
District S-7: Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton

**The Florida House of Representatives:**  
**Burroughs, Jerrold "Jerry"** ..... (850)494-7393  
H-1: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa  
**Melvin, Jerry** ..... (850)833-9319  
H-4: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa  
**Peaden, Durell, Jr.** ..... (850)689-0556  
H-5: Holmes, Okaloosa, Walton, Washington

**Florida Department of Education:**  
Mr. Bill Wargo ..... (850)487-2582  
Region 1 Director SC: 277-2582

**Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System:**  
Ms. Sarah Armstrong, Pensacola ..... (850)469-5423

**F.I.R.N. Information and Technical Support:**  
University of West Florida, Pensacola ..... (800)330-2502

**Jobs & Benefits Offices:**  
Crestview Jobs & Benefits ..... (850)689-7823  
Ft. Walton Jobs & Benefits ..... (850)833-9106  
Region 1 Office - Tallahassee ..... (850)487-1795

**Office of School Improvement: Region 1 Panhandle**  
Ms. Jane Selman, Ms. Linda Maily ..... (850)487-0585

**Okaloosa Education Foundation**  
Mr. Van Crigger ..... (850)833-3121

**Probationers' Educational Growth (PEG) Contact:**  
Ms. Diana Kostelny ..... (850)678-5111

**School-To-Work Contact:**  
Mr. Ned Couey, Ms. Joyce Goldstein ..... (850)729-5366

**Workforce Development Contact:**  
Gene Scott, Executive Director, Private Industry Council  
Telephone: (850)864-3466; Fax: (850)864-5593