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March in Review

April 9, 2015

Spring is definitely springing in at the Tarrant Literacy Coalition, and we are sure that you are experiencing the same spring fever in your program as well! While summer seems to be right around the corner, it's not too late in the semester to receive some great training to think about over the summer as we plan for our fall classes.

Due to our Corporate Spelling Bee fundraiser on April 21st (see more information below), we are postponing our April Fourth Friday training until the first Friday of May. You don't want to miss it! Join us on **Friday, May 1st at the TCC Opportunity Center** for our next training event:



Finding the Right Words: Addressing the Health Literacy Needs of Adult ESL Students

Join us as we discuss creative approaches to helping learners increase their health literacy as they engage in sound, productive adult literacy instruction. Whether you're looking for new material for your ESL classroom or are interested in



ways to supplement your current curriculum, this training will provide you with the resources and strategies you need to build dynamic, health-centered lessons to improve your students' functional health literacy.

Although this training is primarily designed for ESL programs, the information shared will be of interest to anyone who works with adult learners, and ALL are welcome to attend!

What: May "First Friday" Forum

When: Friday, May 1, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: TCC Opportunity Center, 5901 Fitzhugh, Fort Worth 76119 (Enter through the building on the right, with the TCCOC sign on the front)

Why: To enrich your students' experiences in your ESL classroom and to network with other literacy partners.

Reserve your spot today! [***Click here to sign up***](#)

About Our Presenter

Sarah Stannard is new to Fort Worth and, until recently, has been working for the Kleberg County Adult Literacy Council in Kingsville, TX where she forged a multiple-literacy program to link non-native speakers of English with subject matter experts and plain-language resources. As a volunteer, Sarah also worked with the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program on the Island of Guam helping those recently diagnosed to improve their disease-specific health literacy and also lobbied for improved STD surveillance on the island. She has a Bachelor of Arts (Social Science) from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY and a Master of Public Health from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.

Celebrating National Service

The third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service was on Tuesday, April 7th. A wonderful event was hosted by Cornerstone Assistance Network to honor AmeriCorps VISTA and Senior Corps RSVP participants in our community.



The Tarrant Literacy Coalition would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our own RSVP volunteer, **Terry McClelland**. Terry is the former Dean of Students for Lake Worth ISD, and she has volunteered her time with us every Wednesday morning since last summer. We are so grateful for her assistance and support, and we were glad to see her recognized at this event!

We would also like to congratulate our literacy partner **Adriel Long**, VISTA member and GED Program Coordinator at The Ladder Alliance. Adriel received special recognition for her exceptional service as a National Service Member. She was the only VISTA at this event to receive this award. Way to go, Adriel!



Financial Literacy Month

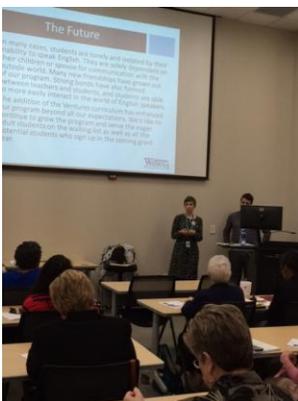
April is Financial Literacy Month. To celebrate, First Command Educational Foundation will be giving an iPad to the lucky winner of their Super Savvy Giveaway. First Command Educational Foundation is dedicated to improving financial literacy. To learn more about FCEF and to enter in the giveaway, click [here](#) or go visit www.fcef.com.



Tarrant Literacy Coalition 2015 Corporate Spelling Bee

Our annual Corporate Spelling Bee fundraiser is coming up on Tuesday, April 21st. Twenty teams from area businesses and organizations will be participating in a fun filled evening of spirited competition.

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2015



Location: TCU Brown-Lupton University Union
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$50 per person. Contact the Tarrant Literacy Coalition for more information about this fun event!



Mark Your Calendars...

For those working with ESL students, there will be a conference **July 17 - 18**, led by **Glenda Reece of [ESL Training Services](#)**. The location will be First Baptist Church, Arlington. Watch your email in early May for more information!

We want to feature YOU
in upcoming issues of the
Coalition newsletter. You get to
hear about our efforts and

events all the time but we really want to hear from you! Please submit stories and articles to: [Stacey Reno](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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