

Remember to choose what it is you can accomplish in 12 months.

End homelessness or collect blankets for the homeless
Reduce poverty or collect and distribute food basket for
Easter
End food drought or open up plots for a neighborhood
garden

Drugs offer to speak to 4th graders about choices
Fund DARE program in your school
Purchase heroine antidote for your patrol cars

Jobs Host a job fair
Talk to WIOA about summer youth jobs
Offer resume classes at the local high

school

Help with a FAFSA Frenzy at your high

school

Literacy Start a volunteer tutoring program at elementary school
Advertise HiSET program in your area
Start a Literacy Council

Start a 501(3) (c) non profit status

Find volunteers

Volunteer at the elementary school

Trainers for early learners

Start small- use your library space

Join Pro Literacy

Laubach reading and math materials from New Readers Press

I am a certified trainer

Walmart grants are easy write a community grant

Dollar General grant

Wish you well grant - educational



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U.S. ADULT LITERACY FACTS

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MORE THAN
36 Million

adults in the United States cannot read, write, or do basic math above a third grade level.

68%

of programs are struggling with long student waiting lists, and **less than 10 percent** of adults in need are receiving services.

UNEMPLOYMENT/WORKFORCE

Low literacy costs the U.S.

\$225 Billion

or more each year in non-productivity in the workforce, crime, and loss of tax revenue due to unemployment.³

FAMILY LITERACY

Children whose parents have low literacy levels have a

72%

chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves. These children are more likely to get poor grades, display behavioral problems, have high absentee rates, repeat school years, or drop out.¹

POVERTY

43%

of adults with the lowest literacy levels live in poverty.⁴

EDUCATION



ONE IN SIX

young adults—**more than 1.2 million**—drop out of high school every year.⁴

HEALTH LITERACY

\$232 Billion

a year in health care costs is linked to low adult literacy skills.²

ELL(English Language Learners)

2 million immigrants come to the U.S. each year, and about

50%

of them lack high school education and proficient English language skills.³

CORRECTIONS

75%

of state prison inmates did not complete high school or can be classified as low literate.⁶

*Sources:

1 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
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6 Rand Report: *Evaluating the Effectiveness of Correctional Education*
7 Center for Immigration Studies

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