Meet Our Trainers



Diana Hight
Language Arts Resource Teacher

Diana has been teaching for more than 30 years, serving grades 1-8. She has been the president and treasurer of the Humboldt County Reading Council, and is a member of both the California Reading Association and the National Reading Association.



Leslie Hawkins Mathematics Resource Teacher

Leslie has taught in Humboldt County for over 25 years in grades 2-6. She has served as a math mentor for Eureka City Schools, and has co-taught a Math Methods class for student teachers at Humboldt State University.

Get Connected!



Make a Difference!

To register for training or for more information, contact:

Jenny Bowen Community Outreach Coordinator

(707) 441-4552 jbowen@humboldt.k12.ca.us

Inspired Youth
Vibrant Economy

Healthy Community

www.decadeofdifference.org





Scan this code for the latest ELP training dates.

Decade Difference

Early Literacy Partners Program



"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

~Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Why?

- Early childhood development, especially in the areas of reading and math, directly influences economic health and social outcomes for individuals and society.
- Through 3rd grade, children are learning to read. After that they are reading to learn. If they have not learned to read by the end of the 3rd grade, as much as half of the printed 4th-grade curriculum is incomprehensible.
- A student who is not proficient in reading by the time they reach the 4th grade is four times more likely to be a high school drop out.

How?

Become a volunteer and support students in reading or math or both!

Volunteers:

- Contribute 2 hours per week during school hours
- Work 1:1 with up to three students twice a week
- Will be provided training, placement, and support with lesson plans and activities
- Are required to pass a TB & background check. All costs will be covered through the program.

Volunteers who are 55 or older may qualify for mileage reimbursement through the Area 1 Agency on Aging RSVP Program

Testimonials

Our Mathematics Early Literacy Partner, Patricia-Anne Winter-Sun is an outstanding volunteer, possessing tremendous empathy, insight, intelligence, and enthusiasm for her role and I can testify to very significant changes and growth in the students she works with.

- Steve Catton, Teacher, Lafayette School

The Early Literacy Partners Program has been a "game-changer" ... I will always make time to tutor.

– Susan Hoffman, Volunteer

Helping young children to learn to read is a powerful way to help make a difference in our community. It is also wonderful to be able to be around young children again and learn about their perceptions of the world, and how we can help them.

- Rollin Richmond, President, HSU, Volunteer











