



# 2021 Annual Report

**Our Mission:** Literacy Council of the Black Hills is a volunteer based 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization providing free, individualized tutoring and group conversation classes in English to help people meet their personal goals and enhance their contributions to the community.

**What we do:** We train volunteers and provide adults with free, individualized tutoring in basic reading, writing and speaking, and we hold conversation classes for English language learners.

## Demographics:

Employees: 1 part-time program coordinator

Volunteers: 38 volunteers

Volunteer tutoring hours: 808

Volunteer non-tutoring hours: 540

Total volunteer hours 1348

Total students served: 28

Tutored ESL students: 26

Tutored students: female students 20 (71%); male students 8 (29%)

Countries of origin: Mexico, Puerto Rico, Thailand, China, Peru, Pakistan, Columbia, Kazakhstan, Guatemala, USA, Vietnam, Brazil

Number of individually tutored students who have children under the age of 18: 9 (45%)

## Student Goals:

- Find a job – 15%
- Write a resume, prepare for job interview – 31%
- Perform a job better, obtain a license – 37%
- Obtain a library card and check out materials – 44%
- Improve English conversation – 71%
- Write checks, pay bills – 44%
- Health education, reading medication labels – 60%
- Read a book to a child, help with homework – 36%
- Interact with teachers – 23%
- Become involved in community activities – 19%
- Obtain a driver's license – 29%
- Improved writing, reading, grammar – 66%
- Pass the GED – 6%
- Access community resources – 32%
- Citizenship – 11%



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## Community Resources:

**Rapid City Public Library** provides phone referrals, houses resources, and provides space for tutoring, training, meetings and events.

**Career Learning Center** shares resources, provides feedback, and offers referrals for those of low reading levels (0 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading, writing and speaking), and for learners who can only meet at off hours or need extra help outside CLC hours.

**Blessed Sacrament Church** offers financial support, meeting location and referrals for their large Hispanic congregation.

**United Way's Campaign for Grade Level Reading** serves children of our students.

**Rapid City Area Schools** serves children, an area of literacy council interest in serving family literacy.

**Readiatrics Project** provides the council with children's books to give to our students.

## Supporting Organizations:

**United Way**

**John T. Vucurevich Foundation**

**ProLiteracy**

## Training and Assessments:

- Use of goal sheets for each student
- Achievement of individual goals reviewed periodically
- Online self-paced training through ProLiteracy
- Student and tutor assessments of curriculum materials
- Monthly and bimonthly Board meetings in person and/or via Zoom