

# LUMBEE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ATTACKS ILLITERACY

## You Have A Right To Read (R2R)

### PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The program is primarily designed to teach non-readers to read, and low-level readers to read better; with focus on persons 16 years or older.

We have established three satellite academies. (1) Located at the New Bethel Methodist Church on Iona Road in the Fairmont area; (2) Smithtown Church of God, bordering Scotland County; (3) Smyrna Baptist Church on Hwy-211 east of Lumberton.

The academies are staffed by a Teacher-Monitor. Primary responsibilities are administering classroom instruction and discipline. This effort is also shared by the other staff person, the Recruiter-Coach, whose primary responsibilities are the recruitment of 25 students for each respective academy; provide supportive services to students; to help them deal effectively with needs that may prevent them from part or full participation in our educational program. Home-bound instruction is also administered on a one-to-one basis to 10 individuals in their respective communities.

The staff person for the (3) satellite academies are as follows: Smithtown Academy-Miss Peggy Locklear-Teacher Monitor-Miss Melba Lowery-Recruiter Coach; Fairgrove Academy-Miss Betty Jane Jacobs-Teacher-Monitor-Mrs. Edith Strickland Recruiter Coach; Smyrna Academy-Mrs. Jeanie Oxendine-Teacher-Monitor-Miss Peggy Hunt-Recruiter Coach.

At this time recruitment has been completed. The students have received standardized tests to determine their level of reading ability. The individual needs have been established; materials are being developed and secured by selective ordering from various educational suppliers geared toward non, and low-level readers.

Our primary teaching tool at this time is the Loubach Literacy method; a method proven very effective with adults. This teaches comprehension, word-sight recognition, and visual discrimination; along with letter sounds (phonics), and consonant blends. We feel along with many of the top educators that this method lays a very solid foundation for the necessary skills required in reading. And as we all know effective reading is the key that unlocks the doors to all bodies of man's recorded knowledge.

Volunteers from the respective academies have been selectively chosen. These are a highly dedicated group of individuals residing in the academy area they serve. They envision their participation in our program as a chance for personal growth, and most of all hope that their involvement will play a small but meaningful role in enhancing the total growth of their respective communities.

As all of us grow to realize, and share in our own way to alleviate illiteracy in our community at large we are more and more acutely aware of the magnitude of this tragic social ill that plagues family, friends and fellow Robesonians alike.

The Lumbee Regional Development Association's Reading Academy Staff through a concerned effort to alleviate this problem wholeheartedly extends their appreciation to those persons, and/or agencies currently involved. We respectfully challenge those yet to become involved.

Man first learns to read, and then he reads to learn. Anonymous.  
For further information, call 521-3525.



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TOURING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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TEACHER AND STUDENTS



STUDENTS AT A RELAXED MOMENT