



The Literacy Alliance is alarmed about the recent federal funding freeze affecting adult literacy, English language instruction, and other essential educational services. Across Indiana, districts have expressed serious concern about the devastating impact of these delayed funds, which jeopardize support for critical education programs.

Locally, the stakes couldn't be higher. In Allen, Adams, and Wells counties, more than 30,000 adults lack a high school credential, and over 40,000 people live in households where English isn't the primary language. Nearly 20 percent of third graders still struggle to read at grade level, putting their academic futures at risk.

At The Literacy Alliance, we see this growing demand every day. So far this year, Region 3's five adult education providers have served more than 2,500 individuals, helping over 500 adults earn their high school equivalency (HSE/GED) diplomas. Adults who achieve their HSE see significant economic benefits, earning nearly \$9,000 more annually on average, while those still enrolled and working toward their credential earn about \$5,000 more per year.

At The Literacy Alliance, whether we are helping adults earn their diplomas through Project Graduate, improve their English proficiency through Project Connect, or providing free reading tutors to children through Project Reads, our work depends on stable funding and a community committed to literacy for all.

We need your help: Please contact your elected representatives and urge them to release federal funds and protect adult education and literacy programs in our region by [clicking here](#).

This year TLA stands to lose between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in federal funding. If you're able, consider financially supporting The Literacy Alliance directly by [clicking here](#).

Together, we can keep learning alive for thousands of local learners who depend on these essential services.



Student Spotlight: Heavenly

"I want to give my children the best life, so I'm doing everything I can to earn my GED—and I'm not planning on giving up."

Visit the [TLA Blog](#) to read more about Heavenly's experience at TLA as a Project Graduate student.

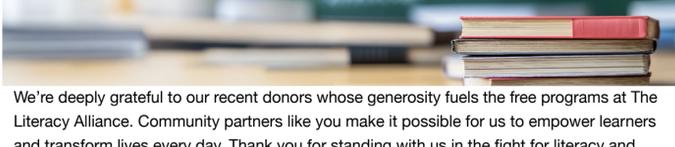
Volunteer Spotlight: Geoff

"The students have such compelling stories and admirable aspirations. They are incredibly hardworking and serious about the task of..."

To read more about Geoff and his experience as a TLA volunteer, [visit our blog](#).



Transforming Lives Together



We're deeply grateful to our recent donors whose generosity fuels the free programs at The Literacy Alliance. Community partners like you make it possible for us to empower learners and transform lives every day. Thank you for standing with us in the fight for literacy and opportunity for all.

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Partner with The Literacy Alliance to Support Your Clients!

Are you a local agency with clients who could benefit from The Literacy Alliance's services? We're here to help! If your agency would like to learn more about TLA's free programs—including high school equivalency prep and English language learning—we'd be happy to arrange a facility tour or give a group presentation to your staff.

To schedule, or to refer your clients, contact TLA's outreach coordinator, **Mike Jackson**, at:

(260) 423-0006
mike@literacyalliance.org

When making a referral, please include the following information:

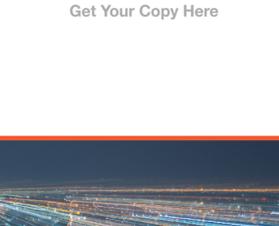
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Together, we can empower individuals through literacy and education. Let's make a difference—one referral at a time!

Project Reads Book of the Month

How I Met My Monster
 by Amanda Noll (Author), Howard McWilliam (Illustrator)
 32 pages | K-2 grade readers

One night, when Ethan reaches under his bed for a toy truck, he finds a note instead: "Monsters! Meet here for final test." At first, he thinks his parents are trying to trick him—until five colorful pairs of eyes blink at him from the shadows. Soon, a quirky parade of squeaky monsters competes to become Ethan's monster. But only Gabe, a little green monster with the perfect mix of growls and snorts, can keep Ethan in bed and help him fall asleep—the real reason monsters hide under beds!



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Future Focus

5 Reasons to Pursue Further Education or Certification Training After Earning Your High School Equivalency (HSE/GED) Diploma

- 1. Increase Your Earning Potential**
 More education or certifications can help you qualify for higher-paying jobs and boost your income.
- 2. Improve Your Job Security**
 Expanding your skills and knowledge makes you a more valuable and versatile employee.
- 3. Open Doors for Career Advancement**
 Investing in education or training can put you on the fast track to new and better career opportunities.
- 4. Keep Up with Job Demands**
 Further training helps you stay current and competitive in your field, making you more skilled and capable.
- 5. Boost Your Self-Confidence**
 Completing additional education or training builds your confidence and belief in your abilities.

No matter where you're starting from, continuing your education or earning new certifications after your HSE/GED can open doors, increase your confidence, and help you build the future you deserve.

Melanee Neilson
 Career Advisor, Certified Career Counselor and Life Coach

Students: Do you need help writing your resumé and cover letter? Want more tips for successful interviewing? [Contact Melanee today](#).

Community Resources

The Literacy Alliance's **Community Resources** section connects you to job opportunities, financial aid, continuing education, housing assistance, legal support, healthcare, and more—all in one place.

We update it regularly, so if you haven't checked it out yet (or it's been a while), now's the time! Click the button to explore resources that can make a difference today.

[Community Resources](#)

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