

Pathways Out of Poverty

Literacy Zone Data Meeting

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Pillars of Improvement

- Improving a community's education
- Expanding economic opportunity
- Building organized communities
- Maximizing services to families

NY Literacy Zones will...

seek to improve New York's educational, economic, and social systems to be just and effective so that access to meaningful opportunity is shared fairly - giving all adults, children, families, and communities a chance to live free of poverty and illiteracy.

10 Pathways Out of Poverty

1. Total Literacy
2. At Risk Youth
3. Postsecondary Transition
4. Employment
5. Incarceration Transition
6. Citizenship and English Language Proficiency
7. Workforce Development
8. Support for Seniors and Mature Workers
9. Individuals with Disabilities and their Families
10. Veterans Transition

1. Total Literacy

- 100% or Total Literacy
- Strengthen literacy/English language proficiency at all levels
 - Preschool Literacy
 - School Age Literacy
 - Adult Literacy
 - Workforce Literacy
 - Health Literacy
 - Financial Literacy

2. At Risk Youth

- High school completion rates
- Raise the visibility of the dropout crisis
- Strengthen the capacity of youth-serving organizations to advocate for the needs of vulnerable youth
- Develop, identify, and disseminate promising practices that support this population
- Remain vigilant with encouraging training programs
- Bring accessibility to 2 and 4 year colleges

3. Postsecondary Transition

- Avoid the need for remedial/development courses
- Will not burn through financial aid without earning meaningful credit
- Prepare GED students for college level expectations

4. Public Assistance

- Move public assistance recipients toward employment
- Assist the working poor in attaining needed work skills for an existing job market
- Address concerns like:
 - Lack of responsible child care
 - Lack of affordable transportation

5. Incarcerated Transition

- Infuse work-readiness skills in incarcerated education
- Awareness of community resources
- Ready families for union with family members upon release
- Continue to support incarcerated education

6. Citizenship & English Language Proficiency

- Primary goal in Adult Education programming
- Citizenship is secondary goal
- Build social and academic English language skills

7. Workforce Development

- Track employment outcomes
- Track employment retention and improvement outcomes
- Wage progression
- Lack of career ladders

8. Seniors and Mature Workers

- Up-skill mature age workers
- Physical demand alternatives/re-skill
- Lack of pensions/health care insurance

9. Individual with Disabilities

- Collaborate with VESIS
- Resource Centers for Independent Living
- Learning Disabilities Association
- Rehabilitation community services

10. Veterans Transition

- Returning service members
- Housing and transition services
- Widow/widower services and community support
- Veteran's Administration