2021 IMPACT REPORT

Launched in spring 2021, Beyond Literacy (BeLit) united two peer organizations, Center for Literacy and Community Learning Center, combining 87 years of adult and family literacy experience. Our mission is to improve lives through free, high-quality education.

GREATER CAPACITY. GREATER IMPACT.

BeLit’s free classes elevate underserved adults from learning to earning, helping them succeed as students, workers, and parents. Our 5 core programs are:
- Adult Education
- English Language Proficiency
- Family Literacy
- Digital Literacy
- Workforce Development

As Philadelphia’s largest adult and family literacy nonprofit, we achieve measurable outcomes by meeting or exceeding State and local benchmarks including:
- Student enrollment and retention
- Academic gains
- Credentials achieved
- Transitions into middle-wage jobs

BELIT LEARNERS

63 ZIP CODES SERVED IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA

0 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION LOST DUE TO COVID-19

90% OF BELIT LEARNERS ATTEND VIRTUAL OR HYBRID CLASSES

HISPANIC/LATINX: 15%
WHITE: 10%
BLACK: 62%
ASIAN: 11%
MULTI-RACIAL: 1%
NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE: 1%

30% ENROLLED AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

72% IDENTIFY AS WOMEN

979 LEARNERS SERVED

FAMILY LITERACY

272 HOURS OF INTERGENERATIONAL INSTRUCTION

4 PARTNER SCHOOLS

11 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES SPOKEN

INCLUDING RUSSIAN, ARABIC, FRENCH, KAREN, SPANISH, BERBER, PASHTO, CHINESE, HINDI, UZBEK, AND URDU.
**DIGITAL EQUITY**

BEYOND LITERACY HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY.

Amanda Harrison, Chief of Adult Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

HELPED CONNECT OVER 100 LEARNERS TO BROADBAND INTERNET

PROVIDED OVER 700 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ONE-ON-ONE TECH SUPPORT

DISTRIBUTED 312 LAPTOPS AND DEVICES TO THOSE IN NEED

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

$61K MEDIAN WAGE EARNED BY BELIT WORKFORCE PROGRAM GRADS

47 ENROLLED CONSTRUCTION AND SKILLED TRADE (CAST) TEST PREP PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PECO

**CLASS OF 2021**

THANKS TO BEYOND LITERACY NOT ONLY HAVE I GOTTEN MY GED, BUT I GAINED CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF, AND I STRIVE TO DO MORE.

Erika Torres, BeLit Grad

42 GRADS

4 NEW CITIZENS CLICK TO VIEW!

1 DIGITAL YEARBOOK

"It was important to graduate so my children can see that it’s never too late. You’re never too old in age to finish school."

Christina Battle
GED Graduate, Class of 2021

"I live in America, and because I’m from a different country, it is very good for me to learn to read, learn grammar, and to speak well."

Hannah Bui
English Language Learner

"Beyond Literacy is a wonderful tool to help learn and grow and be able to take advantage of the opportunities available."

Richard Whitt
Digital Literacy Credentialing
This past year has been a journey. We are tremendously proud of the leading adult education organization that we - as a community - have built, and deeply grateful to these generous visionaries who set the stage for our learners' future of hope, achievement, and opportunity.

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