



Literacy Council of Scioto County

*...engaging Scioto County
individuals, children and
families in life-long
learning opportunities to
succeed ...*

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Literacy Changes Lives!

★ Our Vision:

The vision of the **Literacy Council of Scioto County** is to create a community in which each individual has attained a level of literacy skills needed to succeed.

★ Our Mission:

The **Literacy Council of Scioto County** is a grassroots nonprofit organization that fosters and supports community literacy efforts. Its primary goal is to serve as the catalyst to improve the communication and collaboration efforts of literacy service providers in Scioto County.

★ Our Goals:

Increasing graduation rates throughout the county

Developing a more marketable workforce

Enabling more individuals to seek higher education

Did You Know?

26% of Scioto County's adult population has not graduated from high school*

17% of Ohio's adult population has not graduated from high school*

Only **10%** of Scioto County residents 25 years and older has a Bachelors Degree or higher*

Children ages 9 to 14 spend more than **20%** of their waking hours watching TV, but only 1% of that time reading.**

24% of the Scioto County adult population is reading at Level 1 literacy proficiency***

* U. S. Census. Quick Facts

** A Matter of Time: Risk and Opportunity in the Non school Hours. Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, 1993

*** National Institute For Literacy

Literacy Council Progress in 2007-08

- ★ Adult tutors trained in partnership with PMHA
- ★ Monthly newsletter connecting hundreds of service providers
- ★ Website for community and state literacy awareness
- ★ Attorney General grant for billboards and radio advertisement for literacy
- ★ Second and Seven Foundation donation of 1,000 books to all second grades in Scioto County
- ★ Poverty awareness programming for educators and professionals: Renowned educator Dr. Ruby Payne presents "Understanding the Framework of Poverty" September 18, 2008 presented with Shawnee State University Women's Center
- ★ Free Workshop, "Bridges Out of Poverty" for community and professionals—October 22
- ★ Assistance to "Reach Out and Read" Program for Scioto County sites
- ★ Facilitation of "The Big Read" project throughout the community in Spring of 2009