

Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County, Inc.

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b. Detailed Services/Analysis of Performance

The mission of Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County is to provide literacy services to adults who want to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills to enhance the quality of their lives. Literacy Volunteers recruits and trains volunteers tutors and matches them with adult students who need literacy skills to obtain jobs, keep their jobs, obtain better jobs, become more informed consumers, parents, citizens and members of the Sullivan County community.

Volunteer tutors from the Sullivan County community are recruited and trained to teach adults who have low literacy levels. Recruitment efforts and training are on-going to meet the increasing literacy needs of adults. Public awareness of the problem of illiteracy is key. Nationally, one in five adults is functioning at the lowest level of literacy. These adults are unable to complete applications for employment, read the directions on medications, or understand their children's reports cards. More than ever before, in these economic times, adults need literacy skills to survive.

Students in need of literacy services are recruited through community networking and through the media, especially radio.

Literacy Volunteers continues to reach out to meet the needs of all residents in Sullivan County who desire services. In addition to our large Literacy Center located in Monticello, tutoring takes place in Lake Huntington and in Bethel (in the former Duggan School), Glen Spey and we will continue to develop small tutoring centers in other townships, knowing that the need is great throughout the county. Tutoring has taken place on a smaller scale in libraries throughout the county for years.

In order to continue our efforts to meet the needs of adults in our county and to expand our efforts, Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County is requesting \$3,633 as our Budget Request for 2012.

Literacy Volunteers served over 120 individuals during the past fiscal year (2010-2011). Students who participate in our program for at least six months demonstrate measurable gains in literacy skills. Our students have obtained jobs, been promoted, become citizens and, in general, more productive members of the Sullivan County community. The New York State Education Department rated our program as "Very Proficient" for our last fiscal year 2010.



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