

Free Tutor/Teacher In-Service Training
June Online Training

Speaker Bios

June 22; 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Strategic Reading Instruction to Improve Comprehension of Struggling Readers

Presenter: Iris Strunc has over 18 years of teaching experience in the middle, high school, and college classrooms. In addition, she has taught in the Adult Education Department for Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC-- formerly Okaloosa-Walton College) and has served as the advisor/trainer for that department. Currently, she teaches College Preparatory Reading and College Success classes. Additionally, as the Coordinator of Educational Support Services at NWFSC, she supervises tutors at the Academic Success Center and adjuncts for the College Success courses. With a M.S. degree in reading, she has used her insights in reading and writing challenges to develop innovative approaches to help striving readers. Ms. Strunc also is recognized as a trainer for the state of Florida in reading, writing, study skills, and learning styles and has presented these topics at numerous state, national, and international conferences. Recently, she was part of a team conducting professional developmental activities for teachers in Michigan and Maryland. Furthermore, Ms. Strunc is a certified trainer for Dr. Ruby Payne's *Understanding Poverty* and *At Risk Students* seminars. As she presents at various conferences, she tries to provide instructors with the strategies they need to engage struggling readers and writers.

June 30th; 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

Effective Vocabulary Instruction for the Struggling Adult Learner

Presenter: Cecilia A. Hicks is a reading specialist and an adjunct professor of reading at Florida State College at Jacksonville. For the past ten years, she has focused her attention on reading deficiencies in both children and adult learners. Professor Hicks is also interested in conducting workshops and training instructors and volunteers who work with children and adult learners. She holds a Master of Education degree in Reading Education from Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida.