



41st Annual Florida Literacy Conference Sessions

Below please find a preliminary list of conference sessions and presenters.

- **Transitioning Adult Learners to College and Career**, Ariel Pechokas, Collier County Public Schools and Valerie Guillaume, Collier County Public Schools
- **Student Leaders for Student Retention**, Ariel Pechokas, Collier County Public Schools and Valerie Guillaume, Collier County Public Schools
- **Shifting The Trajectory: Creating New Pathways to Success**, Josue Raymond, Orange County Public Schools
- **English for Families**, Lyndsay Amiro, Orange County Library System
- **Navigating Partnerships and Community Collaborations**, Gina Solomon, Adult Literacy League
- **Strategic Implementation: Making the Florida Adult Education Curriculum Frameworks Work for You**, Maia Brown, FL DOE
- **Financial Literacy for High Intermediate ESOL Students**, Lucas Katz, Miami Dade College
- **Man and Machine: Using AI to Assist, not Replace**, Johnny Hernandez, Brevard Adult & Community Education
- **Ready STEPS Let's Go!**, Pamela Jo Wilson and Yves Saint-Hillien, SDPBC Adult and Community Education
- **Increasing Student Retention and Engagement**, Brittney Napolitano and Tara Keily, Essential Education
- **Hack ESOL Teaching with AI**, Anna Gandrabura, English For IT
- **Supporting the Adult ESOL Learner on their Academic Journey**, Pamela Jo Wilson and Rona Barnett-Passard, SDPBC Adult & Community Education
- **From Self-Awareness to Self-Management in the Adult ESOL Classroom**, Pamela Jo Wilson, SDPBC Adult Education
- **How to Educate our Students on Current Immigration Issues**, Vania Aguilar, FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and ACE of Leon County



- **Increase Engagement and Understanding with the 5-Ps of Reading Comprehension**, Harold Gertner, Santa Fe College
- **EE Behind the Scenes: Get the Classroom Demonstration You've Always Wanted**, Brittney Napolitano and Tara Keily, Essential Education
- **IET in Corrections**, Demeetris Beachum and Walker Hicken, Florida Department of Corrections
- **Your Fundraising Questions Answered**, Marcus Haile, Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida, Inc.
- **Florida Department of Education Update**, Ashley Olevitch and Carol Bruner, Florida Department of Education
- **Breaking Generational Barriers: Family Literacy as a Pathway to Community Empowerment**, Linmary Green and Mi, Green Consulting LLC
- **Maximizing Google in the Adult ESOL Classroom**, Pamela Jo Wilson, SDPBC Adult Education
- **Reaching SLIFE Learners: Effective Tools & Techniques for the ESOL Classroom**, Wendy Klatt, Ellii
- **Common English Mistakes Spanish Speakers Make (and how to fix them easily!)**, Peyton Whittington, Adult Literacy League
- **Enhancing Academic Success: Integrating the AWL in ELL Instruction**, Christine Briggs, Collier Adult Education
- **Universal Design for Adult Learning**, Karyn Grace, Cambridge Public Schools & Lesley University
- **Rethinking Mandatory Literacy**, Walker Hicken, Florida Department of Corrections
- **Supporting Correctional Literacy Initiatives Through Technology**, Melvin Herring, Florida Department of Corrections
- **Adding Love to Your Lessons**, Dawn Frascella and Marianne Heard, Palm Beach County Library System Adult Literacy Project
- **Innovative IET Programs in ESOL: Workforce Skills, Certification, and Success**, Eray Aktas, Brevard Adult & Community Education
- **Unlock IPDAE's Resources and Future Innovations for 2025-26 Success!**, Tamara Serrano and Nichole Pallan, IPDAE
- **Teaching with the ELL Student in Mind**, Alith Casey, Lake County Schools
- **Preparing Students for a Changing Workforce**, Rholine Rose, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
- **Leadership and Innovation: From Theory to Practice**, Mitch Rosin, Aztec Software
- **Enhance Your Students' Learning Experience with Ellii**, Wendy Klatt, Ellii
- **It is a Brand New Day in Adult Education**, Veronica Pavon-Baker, Literacy Collier
- **Prepare ABE Learners for Future Success in IET**, Maribel Ojeda, ProLiteracy
- **Naturalization 2025**, Don, Jarrell, USCIS
- **Taking the Fear Out of GED® Test Preparation**, Karen Welch, New Readers Press



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- **Improving Accessibility and Creating Community with Volunteer ESOL Teachers**, Karin Bates, Intercambio Uniting Communities
- **Sounds of Success: Boosting Adult ELL Confidence through Pronunciation**, Karin Bates, Intercambio Uniting Communities
- **How to Retain Your Volunteer Instructors: Competence, Relatedness, and Autonomy**, Maria Soto, DePorres P.L.A.C.E.
- **Respond to Cultural Differences: Use Emotional Intelligence to Reach E.A.C.H. Student**, Merri Beth Treadway, Florida Department of Corrections
- **Generative AI and Literacy Instruction: The Good, the Bad, and the Lovely**, Talia Cotton, TRC Service Group, LLC
- **Ventures 6-Level ESOL Program and Student Success**, James Goldstone, Cambridge University Press and Assessment
- **Growing from One Time Donor to Long Time Supporter**, Joseph Cinney and Barbara Horton, Learn to Read of St. Johns County, Inc
- **Preparing Students for the GED RLA Extended Response**, Diane Vaccari, GED Testing Service
- **GED Program Tools and Resources for Student Success**, Diane Vaccari, GED Testing Service
- **When «I»s See «You»: building the bridges between the cultures**, Svitlana Sharkova, Santa Fe College and Anna Ageicheva, National University "Yuri Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic"
- **Engaging Beyond the Lesson Plan: Strategies for Deeper Instruction**, Christina Miller, Aztec Software
- **Applying Health Literature Grant to Healthy Living**, Lorraine Matos and Lynette Serrano, Seminole State College of Florida
- **Leading with Financial Literacy**, Dr. Shelletta Baker, Florida State College at Jacksonville
- **Grant Writing Basics for Beginners**, Laticia "Nikki" Boswell, Helping Hands Program of South County and Shannon Maitland Problem Solving Plus
- **Embracing families' lack of generational knowledge with Helping Hands**, Laticia "Nikki" Boswell, Helping Hands Program of South County and Shannon Maitland Problem Solving Plus

(Sessions are not in scheduling order. This list is subject to change as presentations are being finalized.)

