



Literacy, Youth Development, Education, & Training

The Coalition is committed to ensuring that members of the African American community, particularly youth, have access to literacy, development, education, and training.

There are 43 million adults in the United States who struggled with adult literacy – people who have aged out of the K-12 system but cannot read, write, or do math above a third-grade level.

For Black adults, issues with literacy are full of nuance and have come about in a variety of ways. We can trace the problem back in history up to the Jim Crow laws treating Black people as second-class citizens.

When it comes to youth, the environment in which they are growing up and how they were socialized matters including understanding trauma, triggers, domestic responsibilities, and the school-to-prison pipeline.

The Coalition prioritizes literacy, youth advancement, and the connection to living healthy, fulfilled lives.

