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### **About our Program**

#### *The importance of Literacy*

Literacy is our capacity to read, write, and comprehend. Its innate attributes ultimately affect our ability to communicate. If we are unable to communicate well, we will be unable to connect with our neighbors, exchange information, and/or resolve problems. Literacy is one of the most important academic subjects a student can engage in. Without it, human-beings are unable to serve as functional citizens in our communities. Yet, Literacy, in the United States is suffering tremendously. Here are some startling statistics that we gathered from **Literacyinc.com**.

- One child in four grows up not knowing how to read
- 15% of the United States population has specific reading disorders
- 33% of U.S. high school graduates never read a book after high school
- 50% of US Adults are unable to read an eighth grade level book

In the article written by **Literacyinc.com**, they report that the **UNICEF** claims that, "Nearly 1 billion people will exit the 21<sup>st</sup> century unable to read a book or sign their names and two thirds of them will be women."

Excelling in the area of Literacy it what causes nations to succeed. In order to bridge this gap and serve this tremendous area of need, **Aliyah School of Art's(ASA), Multi-Cultural Family Support Center(MFSC)** has instituted their **Literacy Program** for children and adults.

Our goal is to give our students the instruction, tools, and resources they need to reach 100% fluency in the areas of reading, writing, comprehension, and public speaking, even after they have exited our program.

### **About Aliyah School of Art and our Multi-Cultural Family Support Center**

**Aliyah School of Art** is a non-profit(501c3) who's mission is to impact their community's social, emotional, and spiritual needs through arts and education. They accomplish this holistic and comprehensive approach by involving children, adults, *and* families.

Aliyah's **Multi-cultural Family Support Center** works specifically to provide children, adults, and families, resources outside the realm of arts. Some examples of our programming include: ESL classes, job placement, healthy eating and living seminars, business training, and much more! For more about how our **Family Support Center** can help assist your household's specific needs, please contact us at 267-341-8325 or email us at [aliyahschoolofart@gmail.com](mailto:aliyahschoolofart@gmail.com).

### **Our Literacy Program Courses**

Through our Literacy Program families can choose from a variety of courses to serve their distinct needs. Here are the courses we offer below.

#### **ESL(English as a Second Language)**

This course is geared towards students who are learning English as a second language.

#### **Literacy Intervention**

This course is for school aged children who may find themselves falling behind in their Language Arts scores or for teens or adults who would simply like to improve their Literacy skills.

#### **Learning Spanish**

This course is for students who desire to learn how to read, write, and speak Spanish fluently. This program is great for students who may have a desire to study or travel abroad, enter a bilingual program, translate, etc.

#### **Career/College Prep (\*prices may vary for this course)**

These courses are geared towards career/college specified needs, i.e. resume and cover letter writing, ACT literacy prep, SAT literacy prep, college entry essay writing, to improve your writing skills before/or while enrolled in college, etc.

#### **Essay Writing (\*prices may vary for this course)**

This course is for students who specifically want to improve their essay writing skills, i.e. persuasive essays, descriptive essays, expository essays, and narrative essays. This course is helpful for elementary, middle, high school, and college level students. Adults may also benefit from this program if they need help with personal demands such as proposals, article writing, thesis statements, etc.



MULTI-CULTURAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER (MFSC) LITERACY PROGRAMMING

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Creative Writing

This course is for students who are interested in improving their creative writing skills. Skill enhancement includes topics such as narratives, theater plays, script writing for television, poetry, etc. This is a great course to perfect and strengthen your creative writing abilities.

About our Courses

While different courses focus on different topics, there are some elements of our program that stay the same. You will find that every program:

- Includes an element of focus on reading, writing, comprehension, and speaking
Teaches through audio, visual, and tactile teaching aides
Offers students at home assignments to help them fortify their knowledge of a given skill
Uses positive affirmation and re-enforcements in the way of gifts, prizes, trips, and incentives
Offers weekly and quarterly evaluations, reports, and/or meetings to celebrate student progress and growth
Offers at home resources to better assist students even outside of the classroom
Each student receives an individualized Growth and Develop Plan for their targeted goals
Programs whether group or individual are structured around students' particular needs

Table with 3 columns: Session Type, Description, Cost. Rows include Group Sessions, Private Sessions, and Virtual Sessions with their respective descriptions and pricing.

Additional Costs

- Mandatory Initial Evaluation: All first time students must submit to an initial evaluation. Each evaluation involves the student or student and parents/guardians to meet in person (unless party is from out of state). Each evaluation takes about 1-1 1/2 hours. Evaluations are used to collect data so that we can create an individualized Growth and Development Plan. Evaluations cost \$25 per student.
\*Prices are subject to change and may vary for particular programs such as Career/College Prep as well as those that may involve College /Higher Education Students.

Furthermore

- Students meet a minimum of once a week, quarterly, unless requested otherwise (i.e., students can request to meet more than once a week).
Our Quarters run about 3-4 months long each. Summer Quarters run about 2 months long.
Classes can be purchased biweekly, monthly, or quarterly

We would like to thank you in advance and look forward to serving you! All interested parties are asked to submit a registration form to Aliyah School of Art via email at aliyahschoolofart@gmail.com or by mail at P.O. Box 394, Paulsboro, NJ, 08066.