

The Jefferson County Literacy Council

Annual Report 2022 - 2023



*Strengthening our
community through literacy*

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JCLC Community Benefit Report

Community-Based Adult Literacy

A total of 84 adults were served in community programs. These learners received over 1800 hours of instruction. For the first time since the pandemic, classes are full and there is a waiting list for services. Ten open enrollment English classes are offered each week at locations across Jefferson County. Another 18 tutor/learner pairs meet in public libraries and community spaces. One community learner earned a GED and three (3) others continue to work on this goal. Seven (7) individuals are preparing for citizenship.



JCLC learners and tutors participating in the Dollar General Yellow Glasses – Literacy Awareness Campaign

Family Literacy

JCLC serves adults aged 18 and older and promotes family literacy through community partnerships. JCLC continues to:

- provide children of incarcerated parents with TumbleBooks and TeenBookCloud eBook subscriptions.
- be a resource for books distributed through community clinics and primary care providers.
- be a member of Wraparound Coordinating Committee, meeting with K-12 and County partners to benefit families residing in Jefferson County.
- actively participate in community outreach and engagement. This means
 - ✓ JCLC attends community events where young families gather. These events included: Watertown Family Connections (WFC) Resource Fair, Head Start Parent Meetings, Playgroup in the Park/PACE (WFC), Fiesta Latina, and Ready Kids for School.
 - ✓ maintains a strong relationship with local school districts to support parents in their own language development.
 - ✓ is a member of Healthworks Outreach.

Education for Justice-Involved Adults



In FY 2022-2023, sixty-four Justice-Involved adults were served at the Jefferson County Jail. JCLC instructors re-engage adults in their learning. Outcomes in this setting include: 3 GED/HSED graduates, 22 My GED Accounts opened, and 51 GED/GED Ready tests administered. Forty-two percent of participants achieve a measurable skill gain which exceeds the system average for Justice-Involved populations. JCLC continues to post strong and positive outcomes for the metrics used to evaluate these programs.

The JCLC Director chairs the Reducing Recidivism Coalition and worked to create a re-entry resource guide to support those returning to our communities.

Learner Demographics

Learners – committed to a life of learning

JCLC believes: Strong, viable communities are comprised of people who are literate, have good communication skills, are adequately trained in employment skills, possess cross-cultural competencies, and have an understanding of community and social services. We believe each individual holds personal responsibility in his or her learning.

Please share this opportunities with those who would benefit from reading, writing, speaking English, earning a GED, or learning basic computer skills. Call the Jefferson County Literacy Council at 920-675-0500 or visit www.jclc.us.

Volunteers - sharing their time & talents

Volunteerism provides a very important function in communities. We believe cost-effective, quality services can be provided using well-trained volunteers. JCLC's network of 27 talented, trained, and dedicated volunteers donated over **1447 hours** in support of our mission. The outcomes shared in this report would not be possible without volunteers. Consider sharing your time and talents with JCLC and fill out a volunteer request form online at www.jclc.us.

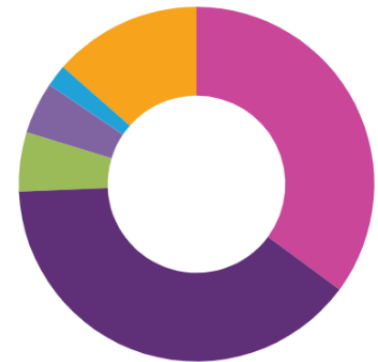
Supporters – valuing JCLC's mission and work

Generous community support allowed JCLC to serve residents living in communities across Jefferson County. Because of the support we receive from the residents of Jefferson County, we are privileged to advance our mission and values.

For the last 14 years we have made our home at 218 Wisconsin Drive in Jefferson. Our consistent location has allowed JCLC to offer reliable services in a central location and support tutor/learner pairs in other locations across the county. JCLC is a lean organization with 1.9 full time employees.



Education



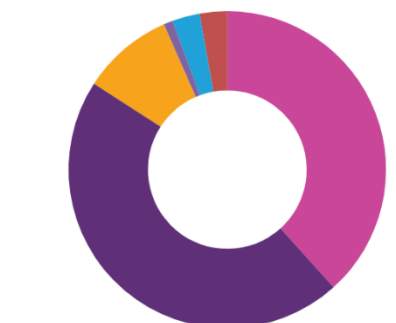
- Less than 12th
- High School Diploma
- GED/HSED Credential
- Some College
- College
- N/A

Age



- N/A
- 25-44
- 45-59
- 19-24
- >60

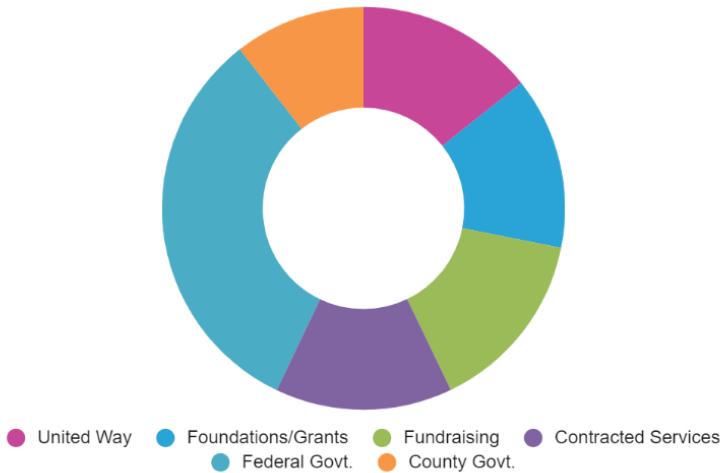
Race/Ethnicity



- White / US Caucasian
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Two or more
- Hispanic or Latino
- Unidentified

JCLC Funding and Resources

Funding Sources



Generous community support and funding sources allows JCLC to reach adults who need literacy services in Jefferson County. All services are offered at no cost to participants.

JCLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at www.jclc.us

"I didn't think I could do it, but I could for my kids."

*- a father of three after earning his HSED –
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