

## ProLiteracy Worldwide

ProLiteracy Worldwide is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) educational corporation, the world's largest organization of adult literacy programs. It advocates for adult learners in the international, national, state, and local arenas, and supports the organizations and agencies that serve them. Headquartered in Syracuse, NY, ProLiteracy consists of three divisions:

**ProLiteracy America** is the U.S. Programs Division of ProLiteracy Worldwide. Its network of 1,200 affiliates in all 50 states and the District of Columbia provide adult learners with one-on-one or small-group instruction in English reading, writing, math, and comprehension skills in their home communities. ProLiteracy America supports these programs in many ways:

- ◆ technical assistance and training for program managers, instructors, and volunteers;
- ◆ an annual conference featuring national adult literacy experts;
- ◆ an accreditation system to ensure consistent and high quality instruction through local literacy programs; and
- ◆ a certification system for trainers of instructors.

The **International Programs Division** works with 120 grassroots organizations in 62 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East to advance global literacy and development initiatives. ProLiteracy provides partner programs with direct grants, technical assistance, and conferences. It also provides partners with materials and training based on its unique *Literacy for Social Change* approach, which merges literacy instruction with projects to improve a community's environment, address health or human rights issues, work to end conflict, or support education or economic development efforts. By combining local-language learning with action programs, adults and their families work to meet basic needs, transform their communities, and find solutions to issues related to health, AIDS, economic self-sufficiency, use of natural resources, schools, and peace.

**New Readers Press** (NRP), is the award-winning publishing division of ProLiteracy Worldwide. NRP works with authors, educators, and top-name consultants to develop instructional materials and resources supporting instructors and volunteer tutors who work with older teens and adults at basic literacy through GED levels and English-as-a-second-language students. One of NRP's most widely-read publications is its weekly newspaper for adult new readers, *News For You*.

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