

Comprehensive Family Literacy Programs Essentials

I. Four Components

Adult Education

Children's Education

Parent Time

Parent and Child Interaction Time (or Parent and Child Together Time)

II. Integration of Components

Planning time

Strong Staff Relationships

III. Intensive Services

Research confirms that **more intensive services produce greater results** for parents, children and families.

National Even Start Evaluation found a significant gain in language development for children in a program that provided at least **20 hours per month** (5 hrs/week) of parenting education (Parent Time and PACT)

The US Dept. of Education, as part of their GPRA Plans (2001), set the following targets for Even Start:

Increasing percentages of projects will offer at least:

- **60 hours** of adult education per month
- **20 hours** of parenting education (Parent Time and PACT)
- **65 hours** of early childhood education per month

Negotiable

(Based on needs/strengths of participants and community)

- I. **Setting:** current or former public or private school; Head Start Center family resource center; local community college campus; community center; church; parent center; other Early childhood/Preschool center
- II. **Time/Schedule:** school day; extended day; multiple week days; week-ends; week nights or a combination
- III. **Collaborating Partners:** community colleges; universities; libraries; public schools; non-profit organizations; Head Starts; Depts. of Social Services; Family Resources Centers; daycare providers; foundations; businesses, etc.

Typical Day At A Center-based
COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

