

2021 IMPACT REPORT



Beyond Literacy

Launched in spring 2021, Beyond Literacy (BeLit) united two peer organizations, Center for Literacy and Community Learning Center, combining 87 years of adult and family literacy experience. Our mission is to improve lives through free, high-quality education.

GREATER CAPACITY. GREATER IMPACT.

BeLit's free classes elevate underserved adults from learning to earning, helping them succeed as students, workers, and parents. Our 5 core programs are:

- Adult Education
- English Language Proficiency
- Family Literacy
- Digital Literacy
- Workforce Development



As Philadelphia's largest adult and family literacy nonprofit, we achieve measurable outcomes by meeting or exceeding State and local benchmarks including:

- Student enrollment and retention
- Academic gains
- Credentials achieved
- Transitions into middle-wage jobs



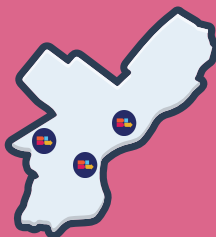
BELIT LEARNERS

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DAYS OF INSTRUCTION LOST DUE TO COVID-19

63

ZIP CODES SERVED IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA



90%

OF BELIT LEARNERS ATTEND VIRTUAL OR HYBRID CLASSES



HISPANIC/LATINX: 15%

WHITE: 10%

BLACK: 62%

ASIAN: 11%

MULTI-RACIAL: 1%

NATIVE AMERICAN/
ALASKAN NATIVE: 1%



RACE/
ETHNICITY

30%

ENROLLED AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



GENDER



72% IDENTIFY AS WOMEN

979

LEARNERS SERVED



FAMILY LITERACY

4

PARTNER SCHOOLS

272

HOURS OF INTERGENERATIONAL INSTRUCTION



11

DIFFERENT LANGUAGES SPOKEN

INCLUDING RUSSIAN, ARABIC, FRENCH, KAREN, SPANISH, BERBER, PASHTO, CHINESE, HINDI, UZBEK, AND URDU.



DIGITAL EQUITY

HELPED CONNECT OVER **100**
LEARNERS TO BROADBAND INTERNET



“ BEYOND LITERACY HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY. ”


Amanda Harrison, Chief of Adult Education,
Pennsylvania Department of Education

PROVIDED OVER
700 
COMMUNITY RESIDENTS
ONE-ON-ONE
TECH SUPPORT

DISTRIBUTED
312 
LAPTOPS AND
DEVICES TO
THOSE IN NEED

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

\$61K

MEDIAN WAGE EARNED BY
BELIT WORKFORCE
PROGRAM GRADS 

47
ENROLLED

CONSTRUCTION AND SKILLED
TRADE (CAST) TEST PREP PROGRAM
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PECO



CLASS OF 2021

“ THANKS TO BEYOND LITERACY NOT ONLY HAVE I GOTTEN MY GED, BUT I GAINED CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF, AND I STRIVE TO DO MORE. ”

Erika Torres, Belit Grad

42
GRADS



4 
NEW CITIZENS

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1 
DIGITAL
YEARBOOK



"It was important to graduate so my children can see that it's never too late. You're never too old in age to finish school."

Christina Battle

GED Graduate, Class of 2021



"I live in America, and because I'm from a different country, it is very good for me to learn to read, learn grammar, and to speak well."

Hannah Bui

English Language Learner



"Beyond Literacy is a wonderful tool to help learn and grow and be able to take advantage of the opportunities available."

Richard Whitt

Digital Literacy Credentialing

BEYOND LITERACY 2021 DONORS

This past year has been a journey. We are tremendously proud of the leading adult education organization that we - as a community - have built, and deeply grateful to these generous visionaries who set the stage for our learners' future of hope, achievement, and opportunity.



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