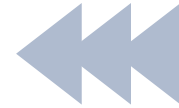


# St. Vincent de Paul Village Family Literacy Program




The Family Literacy Program builds on the organization's existing adult literacy, preschool and elementary school services by providing the missing parent-child interaction. Children who are homeless are generally behind in their cognitive development and performance and they lack age-appropriate developmental activities and experiences.

**Preschool Literacy Program**  
This program instills phonemic awareness in the children and teaches prerequisite skills that support later literacy development.

**After-School Tutoring Program**  
Tutoring is offered to all school-age children who reside at the Village. The tutors work with the teachers to ensure students understand their lessons and complete their homework

Project L.E.A.P.  
Literacy Empowerment Activities for Parents

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**Parent and Children Together Time**  
PACTT targets low-level reading adults and their children ages birth to teenagers. The class strives to improve reading skills and encourages an atmosphere for reading enjoyment. Parents and children have the opportunity to learn to appreciate reading as a leisure time activity, and the class encourages participation in singing, crafts, games and other family related activities. The main purpose is to instill in them the habit of reading together.

**Backpacks**  
Parents with children ages 0 – 5 receive theme backpacks with daily literacy activities to complete with their children in their homes. This hands-on approach teaches parents how to incorporate early literacy activities into their homes.

**Mentoring Program**  
Volunteer mentors work with students to instill a lasting positive effect in our students' education. This program not only gives our students an opportunity to fill in the missing gaps in their education, but also provides the students a chance for a brighter future.



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