
APPENDIX C:



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ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

National:

- America's Literacy Directory. Available at: <http://www.literacydirectory.org/>
- Education Resources Information Center (ERIC). Available at: <http://www.eric.ed.gov/>
- Laubach Literacy. Available at: <http://www.laubach.org/home.html>
- National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium. Available at: <http://www.naepdc.org/>
- National Adult Literacy Database. Available at: <http://www.nald.ca/>
- National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy. Available at: <http://NCSALL.gse.harvard.edu>
- National Institute for Literacy. Available at: <http://www.nifl.gov/>
- National Institute for Literacy. Directory of National and State Literacy Contacts. (Print and online versions). Washington, DC: NIFL, 1997. Available at: http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/directories/links_directories.html
- United States Department of Education. Available at: <http://www.ed.gov/>
- World Education Health and Literacy Special Collection. Available at: <http://www.worlded.org/us/health/lincs/>

State:

- National Institute for Literacy Regional Hubs. Available at:
 - Region I (Northeastern states). <http://hub1.worlded.org/>
 - Region II (Southern states). <http://slincs.coe.utk.edu/>
 - Region III (Midwestern states). <http://archon.educ.kent.edu/Midwest/index.html>
- State Directors of Adult Basic Education. Available at: http://bcol02.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org_list.cfm?category_ID=DAE
- State Literacy Resource Centers. Available at: http://bcol02.ed.gov/Programs/EROD/org_list.cfm?category_ID=LRC

LIBRARY SERVICES

National:

- American Library Association. Available at: <http://www.ala.org/>
- Directory of Public Libraries. Available at: <http://www.publiclibraries.com/>
- Directory of University and College Libraries. Available at: http://www.publiclibraries.com/university_library.htm
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Available at: <http://nmlm.gov/>
- United States National Library of Medicine. Available at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

State:

- Directory of State Libraries. Available at: http://www.publiclibraries.com/state_library.htm
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RESOURCES FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**Plain Language:**

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<http://www.nlhp.cpha.ca/youth/index.htm>

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