



# ESL In-Home Program Of Northern Nevada

## Newsletter

One-on-One Tutoring in ESL, GED, Computer Literacy, and Citizenship Study ...At No Cost!

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### UPDATES

**The photos on the right are from an Orientation and Tutor Training Workshop held August 24 by Vista Cathleen Mital. She had 12 in attendance and received 12 new Tutor applications.**

(1) I am honored to report: The University of Nevada, Reno announced that our program is recommended for its tutoring immigrants in English language skills.

(2) I am also pleased to report that Washoe County School District has given us a pilot ESL program in one of their Title 1 schools. We start in September. At Stead Elementary School. When WCSD sees its success, it will give us all 33 of their Title 1 schools to tutor the parents of the ESL children.

(3) Tutors say they get thrills when their student progresses and reaches his/her goal. So many students in the ESL In-Home Program have done this. There are many wonderful stories they share with me. Tutors say the program gives them feelings of fulfillment and is rewarding. Students are grateful for the program and say it has changed their lives for the better. (If you are not a tutor, you are missing extraordinary experiences.)

(4) One of our adult learners told us that learning to speak, read and write and understand when others are speaking English to me has changed everything in my life. It has made me feel like I am somebody now. I am more a part of things.

(5) From Fallon Tutor Gail Bursill: I am happy to report that my student, **Elodia Mondragon-Ayala** and her husband just bought their first home in Fallon. Elodia told me that her realtor complimented her on how much her English has improved in this past year. She was able to handle all paper work. I am so proud of her.

(6) Reno Tutor, Royden Reed, reports that his student, **Marie Isabel Hernandez-Madriral**, who previously worked as a cleaning lady, just received a position with the Washoe County School District as a translator. Not only that, but Isabel, still a student, has also become a tutor in our program and is teaching English to a beginner. Not only that, Isabel has become a full participant in the Dos Voces Toastmasters Club and has given several talks. Lots of progress here since she started ESL in February 2013. Kudos, felicitaciones y muchos abrazos, Isabel

(7) Carson Tutor Barbara Cotter said her students gave her a new name: Barbarita!

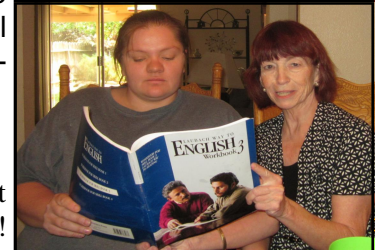
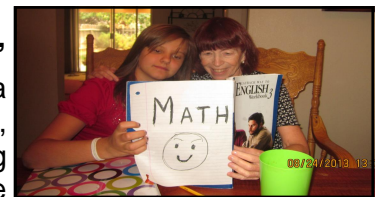
(8) Carson Tutor Nanette Tracy reports that her student **Angelica Camacho** took a WNC placement test and she passed! Felicitaciones y muchos abrazos, Angelica. Also, she received her GED in 2010.



Cathleen demonstrating



New Tutors Ready to Start



Tutor Nanette Tracy w/2 of Students Angelica & Jenna studying ESL & GED

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We say a fond farewell to Lyon County Vista, **Donna McElroy**, who has completed her 2nd year as a Vista member for our program, with many successes and accomplishments. To name a few:

- In June 2007, Donna became a tutor in Dayton. She started tutoring at least 20 adults in Dayton during her time as a Tutor.
- In 2011, Donna was accepted as an A/C\*Vista member. She immediately took charge and opened Fernley, Lyon County and Fallon, Churchill County by recruiting tutors and matching them with students.
- In 2012, ESL In-Home Program would not let her terminate and she agreed to re-enroll for another year, representing our program to service clubs in Lyon and Churchill counties from which our program received funds and new volunteers.
- Donna never said ~~No, I can't~~. Whatever was asked of her, she agreed and accomplished many assignments

She will be sorely missed by all program staff members and, especially, the students she started in learning English language skills. Her farewell address is as follows :

Many of you may be aware of the fact that we have folks in our area who do not speak our language well. Ever wonder what it might be like to be in another country and not be able to go into a store and buy food for your families? What about trying to find a medicine for a sick child? Ugh!

As an America/Corps VISTA I would like to offer all people who have 1-2 hours/week to spare to make a difference in someone's life. I am talking about becoming a Tutor for the ESL Program. If you can speak and read English you can teach with our method. The method has worked in helping people from over 200 countries learn our language.

The program is funded privately. We furnish the materials for both tutors, and students. The training time for tutors is minimal—often 1 hour depending on questions. Commitment for both teacher and student is two hours a week! Results fantastic!

If you think you may want to try this program please contact the Director, Florence Phillips· 775-888-2021  
Thank you for your attention to this notice.+

Sincerely,  
Donna J. McElroy  
A/C VISTA Member for  
ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

Our program would not be as successful as it is without the help of our currently active Vista members and 171 community volunteer tutors. Our vision is to engage all of Northern Nevada in building literacy. They get out and talk about the importance of literacy. Our goal is to make connections and build relationships. When it makes sense, we create new partnerships with community groups. It is all about building community. Literacy is not just about reading and writing; it is about respect, opportunity and development.

As our program grows—which it does everyday—books need to be purchased. Funds to purchase books are needed.

Please donate what you can.



**Nevada Rural Authority** informs us that **undocumented people can get assistance** with their heating bill and other utilities. People are not required to report the undocumented. A Social Security number is asked for. They have 2 options:

- The people are given a case number
- They use the child's number and move it to the parent's application.

For more information call 877-1795  
Address: 3695 Desatoya Drive  
Carson City

**FREE MEDICAL CLINIC**

A group of family practice, pediatric and specialty doctors and nurses have a mobile medical clinic for adults and children. This is a service for anyone with insufficient health care coverage and it's

**TOTALLY FREE!**

When: 9-12 Noon;  
1st Sat. of each month

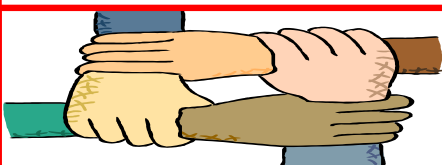
Where: Hilltop Community Church, 3588 Romas Rd,  
Carson City

775- 782-1073



**UPDATES**

**NEW PARTNER**



- Stead Elementary School, Reno
- Mark Twain Elementary School, Carson City

**Citizenship Study in Reno:** On-going for 12 weeks every Saturday starting **September 28** from 11:45-2:00pm, only in English.

New **Citizenship Study** class in **Carson City** will restart **October 5** from 2:00-4:00pm. Both English and Spanish spoken.

**To register call**  
**775-888-2021**

**A new GED class on**

Mondays and Wednesdays  
Starting **September 16**  
from 10:00 to Noon.

Location: Partnership Carson City, 1711 No. Roop St.  
(corner Beverly Drive across from cemetery)  
Carson City 89706

**Call to Register: 888-2021**

**TUTOR TIPS**

**REMINDER:** We have a Forum site where you can post questions, messages, ideas, etc. Talk to each other. Go to:  
[www.eslinhome.org/forum](http://www.eslinhome.org/forum)

**Thanks go to Douglas County Tutor, Mariann Summers for the following tips:**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/> News stories at level 1 reader

<http://www.elcivics.com/worksheets/reading.html>

<http://www.manythings.org/voa/stories/> Good short story site

<http://www.speakmethod.com/eslpronunciationstoriesbeginner.html> Pronunciation focus for short articles

**STATISTICS**

Current Tutors.....174  
Current Students...336

U.S. Citizens—120

Potential Students Waiting for a tutor:

Carson.....	144
Douglas.....	39
Lyon.....	35
Churchill.....	7
Sparks.....	29
Reno.....	76

Total Students Waiting all Counties: 330

## ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

One-on-one tutoring for adults in their own home at their own pace.....At No Cost!

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We're on the web!

[www.eslinhome.org](http://www.eslinhome.org)

**Mission Statement:** ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides instruction at no cost to adult individuals who wish to learn or improve their English language skills, GED preparation, Computer Literacy and Citizenship study regardless of sex, age, race, religion or national or ethnic origin, or physical disabilities. ESL In-Home Program empowers people, especially those of low to moderate income, to become more productive members of their local communities by providing them with the language and cultural skills necessary for life in America.

***To make donations to the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada send check to:***

***702 Sean Dr.  
Carson City, NV 89701***

***All donations are tax-deductible. We are a 501©(3) nonprofit organization.***

*Invite your friends to become a volunteer tutor! Tell them why you enjoy the experience. Invite them to learn more about our program at our website: [www.eslinhome.org](http://www.eslinhome.org). It is not necessary for tutors to know a foreign language or have prior teaching experience. We train at no cost. The ESL In-Home Program*

### *From the Executive Director*



Florence G. Phillips

**To YOU who are not yet a Tutor: You can change the community you live in.**

**Many of you would like to volunteer but feel unsure where to start. You may share the desire but hesitate; feeling like you probably won't make a difference anyway. Many of the 171 current community volunteer tutors in my program can tell you, as they tell me: "Yes, Florence, I see a big difference in some of my students' lives. And seeing their smiling faces as they progress is my reward."**

**I feel sure you who are reading this, want to make a difference and change someone's life.**

**Join our program.**

**Call now: 775-888-2021**