



ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

Newsletter

One-on-one Tutoring in ESL, GED, Computer Literacy, and Citizenship Study = AT NO COST

We exist in 5 counties of Northern Nevada: Carson, Washoe, Douglas, Lyon and Churchill

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Educating Parents to Help Their Children

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, children of parents who do not finish high school face more challenges than children whose parents hold high school diplomas. Educated parents are more likely to engage in early childhood education activities with their children, read to them and assist them with their homework. A mother's level of reading skill is unequivocally the greatest determinant of her child's academic success.

So while investing in early childhood education is critical, it cannot be done in isolation from investing in parents, who are the primary influence on and motivator of their children. Adult literacy and basic education programs are crucial to alleviating poverty — for everyone.

Therefore, a child's success in life is largely influenced by the education level of his parents. Ask yourself, "Am I helping the poverty crisis by helping the children's parents learn English Language Skills, who then can help their children?" As a tutor in the ESL In-Home Program, the fact that you are indirectly helping the children is an added bonus to your efforts.

The ESL In-Home Program helps Northern Nevada adults learn English language skills in order to meet their goals of obtaining employment, retaining their jobs, and moving up the career ladder. Many of our students are now helping their children with homework, and the children receive motivation to stay in school and succeed in their lives by watching their parents study. They are learning that Education is the Key to Success! ESL school children are making impressive academic gains with their parents helping them with homework and other school activities.

We teach the parents of ESL school children in Elementary, Intermediate, Middle and High Schools.

ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada helps in this area by providing classes **at no cost to the student** on a one-to-one basis or in small groups of 2-5. We tutor at the student's availability and pace. The photo below on the left is one of our ESL students helping her child at home, and on the right is a tutor with her student in a public site.

Following are our classes. In which one would you like to be a tutor? Call 775-888-2021.



- ◆ English as a Second Language (all levels)
- ◆ GED Preparation
- ◆ Workplace Communication
- ◆ Computer and Financial Literacy
- ◆ English Conversation for Practice
- ◆ U.S. Citizenship Study



Our partnerships with donors and school districts are strong and as a total group we are making Northern Nevada an even better place to live.

We invite you to explore our website and hope it provides you with answers, opportunities, and a better understanding of how the ESL in-Home Program is battling illiteracy in Northern Nevada.

ESL In-Home Program website: www.eslinhome.org

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU:

Send comments and/or feedback to: eslinhomenv@aol.com

Who We Are

The **ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada** is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2004, in response to a recognized need: Northern Nevada's high population of non-English speaking immigrants lacked the resources necessary to learn English speaking and writing skills, leaving them at a significant social disadvantage.

What We Do

ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides free adult instruction in English Literacy, GED test Preparation, Computer Literacy, and Citizenship Study. Volunteer tutors offer all instructions; most students attend tutor sessions for two hours each week, at convenient times and locations. Our free English Literacy and GED tests Preparation courses have become highly sought-after resources in Northern Nevada communities: there are currently more than 800 people in Northern Nevada waiting to join our program.

Who We Serve

Since 2004, the ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada has served over 5,000 adults in advancing their careers, improving their family and social lives, and increasing their access to resources. Many of our students are unable to attend regularly scheduled ESL, GED Preparation or US Citizenship Study classes for reasons including job schedule constraints, lack of transportation, physical disabilities, inability to pay class tuitions and/or child care fees, or intimidation of the formal classroom environment. Our program has eliminated many obstacles by offering free, one-on-one tutoring or small groups of 3-5, at convenient locations and with flexible schedules.

Community Impact

Our experience teaching in Northern Nevada during the last 12 years has shown the following impacts on adults who participate in our program:

- Increased employment opportunities;
- Increased self-esteem and social skills;
- Increased involvement in children's academics;
- Increased access to local resources (for adults and their families);
- Increased communications amongst inter-generational families;
- Increased community and social acceptance;
- Improved assimilation for immigrants.

How Can You Help

Increasing our outreach to recruit more students and tutors, and expanding our adult literacy programs depends on the ongoing support and direct involvement of people and businesses throughout our community. We encourage you to:

- [Become a tutor](#) and teach someone basic English skills.
- [Encourage](#) those who need help to get it. (It's free!)
- [Become a Friend](#) through a [donation](#). Make a donation now :
**(1) [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) — or (2) [razoo.com](https://www.razoo.com) — or (3) smile.amazon.com
 and choose ESL In-Home Program as your charity**

Student Testimonials

The ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada holds classes at no cost for foreigners living in Northern Nevada. Following are some of our program's success stories:

- ◇ **Sparks student, Flor H.** *"Since I'm taking ESL classes I feel that I can understand more when people talk to me. Also, writing essays help me to learn new words, how to write the correct punctuation and organize my ideas. I love this program and I have an excellent tutor that is helping me a lot to improve my speaking and reading".*
- ◇ **Carson student, Olga O.** *"I had the privilege to speak in the 11th annual anniversary of the ESL In-Home program of Northern Nevada in front of teachers and students and family members too. It left a mark on my life because it was a honor for me to express my recognition and gratitude for their extraordinary work , dedication, patience and excellent job during those 11 years, Thank you very much. To my tutor, my eternal gratitude for your time, dedication and all the good things she is doing every class. " She is very kind and encourage me to be better day by day"*
- ◇ From a Reno Tutor: *"My student, **Maria M.** read a children's book to me all in English, with expression! And understanding! I was so proud! Now, Maria goes freely to her child's school to help in the cafeteria so that she can hear and speak English with others. This is another big step as she was afraid before. She tells me that she understands so much more now than she did "*
- ◇ A Dayton tutor reports that her student ,**Maria G.** (now in Laubach Level 2) *" was very excited to tell me of her new job, cleaning a house nearby. Although the owner of the house speaks NO Spanish, Maria could understand the woman's English and that got her the job!"*
- ◇ A Fallon tutor reported: *"My Student, **Elodia M** was told in a recent parent/teacher conference that she was speaking English so well that she no longer needs to have a translator at future conferences."*
- ◇ A tutor in Reno reported: *"My student, **Pedro H,** is doing so well with Laubach Level 3 that he can himself tutor a beginner. We are now matching him with a student .*
- ◇ *"I am a single mother who dropped out of school in the 8th grade and could not find a job because I didn't have a high school diploma. I am now in an ESL In-Home GED class which will help me find a job."* Student Leila T.
- ◇ A Yerington student : *"Learning to speak, read and write and understand when others are speaking has changed everything in my life. It has made me feel like I'm somebody now. I'm more a part of things."*
- ◇ A Carson City tutor reported: *"My student, **Maria** has successfully completed her English course at Western Nevada College and is continuing with our ESL In-Home Program in English Conversation classes to advance further.*
- ◇ A Silver Springs tutor reports : *"One of my students, **Angeles V** passed his driver's license test and bought a car. He continues with ESL and GED studies. Also, another student, **Carmen E,** is now helping her 3rd grade daughter with reading and writing. She also received a Library card."*
- ◇ *"My tutor of 3 years said it is time I now helped another. So, to give back to the program, I myself am now a tutor helping a beginner."* Elodia H.
- ◇ A Fernlley tutor reports: *"Two of my students—**Maria T. and Maria B. -** are now employed because of their improved English language skills.*

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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.

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Invite your friends to become an ESL volunteer tutor! Tell them why you enjoy the experience. Invite them to learn more about our program at our website: www.eslinhome.org. It is not necessary for tutors to know a foreign language nor have prior teaching experience. We train at no cost.

If you would like to be taken off our mailing list please email us at:
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We're on the web!
www.eslinhome.org

For Mother's and Father's Day gifts, click on our fundraising sites where our program receives a % of purchases: (1) gofundme.com — or (2) razoo.com — or (3) smile.amazon.com— and choose ESL In-Home Program as your charity

From the Founder and Executive Director



Florence G. Phillips

More than 200 excited active ESL Tutors, a dedicated Board of Directors, and committed supporters have seen the tremendous impact of our literacy effort since its inception in 2004.

**Following statistics as of
5/1/2016**

Current Tutors..... 205
Current Students...393
U.S. Citizens..... 205

**Potential Students
Waiting for a tutor**

Carson..... 429
Douglas..... 38
Lyon..... 140
Churchill..... 33
Washoe..... 388
Total Students Waiting
all Counties: **1028**