

# 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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## **THE SINGLE GREATEST INDICATOR OF A CHILD'S FUTURE SUCCESS IS THE LITERACY LEVEL OF THE PARENTS.**

ESL In-Home Program teaches English language skills to immigrant parents of ESL school children. Parents can then help with children's homework and the children can advance academically in school and in their adult lives. A society that has given up on its children has given up on its future. We have an opportunity to improve this. How wonderful that the following article has started a conversation on the most important **job in the world: Parenting!**

### **Help Kids Thrive, Coach Their Parents**

By PAUL TOUGH (Published MAY 21, 2016)



" In 1986, in a few of the poorest neighborhoods, a team of researchers from a University embarked on an experiment to change our thinking about how to help children succeed, especially those living in poverty. Its message: Help children by supporting and coaching their parents.

The children whose parents were learning English did better, throughout childhood. Today, as adults, they earn an average of 25 percent more per year than the subjects whose parents didn't speak English. The experiment makes the case that if we want to improve children's opportunities for success, one of the most powerful potential levers for change is not the children themselves, but rather the attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of the adults who surround them.

The impact of parents learning English can be powerful. The positive influences in children's early lives, seeing their parents as role models, can have a profound effect on the development of emotional and psychological habits and mind-sets that enable children to negotiate life effectively inside and outside of school: the ability to understand and follow directions; to focus on a single activity for an extended period; to interact calmly with other students; to cope with disappointment and persevere through frustration.

When children spend their early years in communities and homes where life is unstable and chaotic—which is true of a disproportionate number of children growing up in poverty — the intense and chronic stress they often experience as a result can seriously disrupt, on a neurobiological level, their development of these important capacities. When parents get the support they need to create a warm, stable, nurturing environment at home, their children's stress levels often go down, while their emotional stability and psychological resilience improve.

What we now understand is that the stress that parents and teachers feel can in turn elevate the stress levels of the children in their care, in ways that can undermine the children's mental health and intellectual development. The good news is that the process can be reversed, often with relatively simple and low-cost interventions. To help children living in poverty succeed, our best strategy may be to first help the adults in their lives."

## **THE ESL IN-HOME PROGRAM, BY TEACHING THE PARENTS OF THEIR ESL CHILDREN OUR LANGUAGE, IS DOING JUST THAT!!!**

We've always known that parent engagement matters. And over the past decade, academic studies has confirmed that parent engagement – across income, ethnicity, race and geography – is a key to student learning and academic success.

**JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

# Top Female Executives, Professionals & Entrepreneurs

*Successful Women Making a Difference*



## Florence Phillips Posted on [June 22, 2016](#) by [Top Female Executives](#)

**Title:** Founder, Executive Director

**Company:** ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada

**Location:** Headquartered in Carson City, NV United States  
Serving Carson, Douglas, Washoe, Lyon and Churchill Counties

Inspired by her parents, immigrants who believed in the importance of education and independence, Florence Phillips, currently at 85 years young, led a highly-successful professional life. She served three tours of duty in three countries as a Peace Corps Volunteer, and saw firsthand how hard it is to learn a new language. Ms. Phillips also spent time as an Amer/Corps/VISTA volunteer in a variety of locations, until she realized she didn't have to leave the United States to teach English as a second language. Statistics showed that there was a 22 percent of Hispanics in her community, and she was determined to help them overcome their obstacles. What started as a one-person tutoring service has since become a flourishing nonprofit organization.

Since its inception, [ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada](#) has assisted more than 5,000 adults and families advance in life and more than 210 people become U.S. citizens. Many of Ms. Phillips' students are unable to attend regular classes for a variety of reasons, like job and monetary constraints or child care, which is why her program is reliant on their schedule.

In recognition of her accomplishments and efforts, Ms. Phillips earned the Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2008, the Citizen of the Year Award in 2009, and the Points of Light Awards in 2009 and 2010. She was also honored to receive the Soroptimist Ruby Award in 2011, the Leadership Award in 2014, and the AARP Andrus Award. Furthermore, Ms. Phillips is an esteemed member of The International Women's Leadership Association.

Looking to the future, Florence hopes to find someone to replace her because of her age; she does not want the program to die when she leaves because it is her passion.

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(If you have a passion to help immigrants with education and want to become Florence's assistant with a future to replace her, please send your resume to [eslinhomenv@aol.com](mailto:eslinhomenv@aol.com) )

From Carson Tutor, Paul C: "My student, Israel, has been studying for the past year, and today it all came together. I went with him to the INS office in Reno @ 7:30 A.M. today; he was interviewed for about 20 min. starting at about 8:20A.M. He finished his exam about 8:45 A.M. and did not get anything wrong! We have been working on this for a while, in lieu of his regular ESL studies. He is a dedicated student, and a very good human being. He passed in part, because of the ESL In-Home Program, and how he approached the entire task. He was also under some significant stress, since he had to make an emergency trip back to Mexico for his brother's funeral last week. His brother was a police officer, and he was assassinated while on duty in a hail of gunfire. All this causing no small amount of stress, yet Israel persevered toward his goal."

"I began volunteering for the ESL In Home Program three months ago. At the beginning I was cautious. I wondered how it would go, who I would meet and if I would really be able to help my students. I now have two students who are friends. It is wonderful to watch them help each other with questions and meanings. I leave their apartment feeling better than when I walked in. This has really been a positive experience for all three of us." Reno Tutor, Terry H.

"I am honored to be a small part of this program. It is run by a caring administrator and with the utmost professionalism. The goals of the program are simplistic, yet realistic. The rewards to the students are not measurable by traditional standards, but are life altering. The program opens up education, job and overall better life opportunities to the students and their families. The program rewards the tutors by touching their hearts and also expanding their life experiences and even helps them learn or improve their ability to speak another language." ( Marge B., Tutor in Genoa)

"As my students talk to family and friends in other cities and states, they express to me how lucky they are to have such a great ESL program with the in-home opportunity and at no cost. They are very grateful to Florence for her insight and efforts! My thanks to Florence as well for this opportunity." Douglas County Tutor, Pat S.

"I have been involved in the ESL In Home Program for over 8 years. I started as a tutor, next as an Ameri/Corps Vista volunteer assigned to expand the program into Douglas County and serve as a member on the Board of Directors. This program has been of benefit to so many people. The biggest thrill has been to see the relationship develop between the tutor and student. I am very proud to be a part of this program." (Peggy P., Douglas County)

"By tutoring the parents who want to learn to speak, read, write and understand English enables their children to achieve the "American Dream." The parents then help their children with homework and school activities, can communicate with teachers and medical personnel without interpreters, attain GED for jobs, and become U.S. citizens." Fallon Tutor, Paul P.

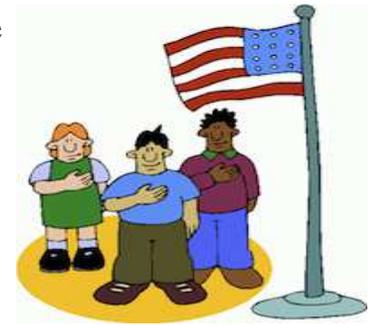
"In my experience with ESL I have had the pleasure of watching my clients gain the self confidence of being able to express themselves. It is so good to see a person understand a word for the first time. They are so eager to learn and very proud to be able to shop, and go to the doctor, and school conferences on their own. They are also eager to share their heritage and customs with us. I find that I gain as much as I give. I love my involvement with my students." ( Helen m. from Dayton)

"Daniela is 24 years old. She arrived in the US three years ago, a few years after her father came to the U.S. in search of a better job. Daniela was studying at a university in Mexico when her family moved. Unfortunately, she could not complete her degree because her family could no longer afford it, but she has a strong desire to finish now that she's in the U.S. Daniela loves to learn and wants to be an accountant. When she first moved to the U.S, she worked in the fields as an agricultural laborer for about a year; afterward she began working for a job agency. She's married and expecting her first baby in a few months. She is excited about living in the U.S because of all the possibilities to learn and grow. She is attending classes in ESL and GED preparation with our program." Fernley Tutor, Michelle C.

"I enjoy tutoring ESL very much and I have seen wonderful growth in my student with the language and her comfort speaking English with others....a nice feeling. Thanks for your support!" Fallon tutor, Nancy H.

To help sponsor an immigrant to become a U.S. citizen and help with the application fee of \$680 (we have 10 students ready to take their exams), please copy the link below to your browser and DONATE!!!! Any amount donated is appreciated by both the student and our program. These 10 have been studying very hard to become a U.S. citizens.

<https://www.razoo.com/us/story/Sponsor-One-Adult-Ready-To-Become-A-U-S-Citizen>



Did you hear? We are now on **Twitter!**

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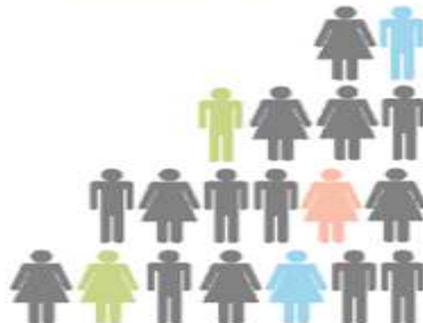
Did you know that **Pinterest** is a veritable treasure trove of tips and tricks to help ESL students? You can find anything from charts and flash cards to fun practice activities for students of all ages. If you don't have an account, you can join for free today at [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) We will soon have our own **pinterest** account for you to follow as well!



Hope you had a Happy Fourth of July

5 reasons to VOLUNTEER:

1. Develop new skills
2. Help a cause that lights you up
3. Meet new people
4. Connect with your community
5. Expand your horizons



**TUTOR TIPS**

Tutors: The Nevada State Library has an abundance of ESL and Literature collection for our volunteers to use. In Carson City, ask for "Josh" on the 1st floor. Mon-Fri 10:am to 2:00pm.

Click on the following (or copy and paste) for new worksheets:

<http://www.grammar.cl/Notes.htm>  
[Pinterest.com/esl tips](http://Pinterest.com/esl tips)

**STATISTICAL UPDATE**

**Adults Waiting for a tutor:**

Carson. ....	230
Douglas.....	28
Lyon .....	193
Churchill .....	133
Reno- ...	147
Sparks-...	72
Washoe .....	<u>219</u>

**Total Students Waiting in all Counties: ..... 803**

**U.S.Citizens.....211**



Florence G. Phillips

*From the Executive Director*

“The road to daily happiness is not hard to find, it's what we do for others that brings us peace of mind.” - Unknown Source

From a Recent Senator’s Report: “Latino children account for 33% of all children under the age of 5 in Nevada and 25% of all children in the United States. Unfortunately, the latest data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress indicates that Latino students continue to score lower than the national average on reading assessments at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Carson City School District reports they have 41% Hispanic students.

If we fail to invest in them today, many of these children may not reach their full potential.”

**JOIN OUR PROGRAM: OUR INVESTMENT IS TO HELP ESL PARENTS LEARN ENGLISH IN ORDER FOR THEM TO HELP THEIR ESL SCHOOL CHILDREN.**

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**Mission Statement: ESL In-Home Program of Northern Nevada provides free adult educational programs that empower 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 .**

*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 nor have prior teaching experience. We train at no cost.....one hour at your day/time/location.*

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