

## What our students and tutors say about ALS

### Students

“Before I started studying, I couldn’t help my son with his grade school work. Now I can.”

“I’m a single parent. Getting my GED helped me get a better paying job.”

“My kids ask me to read to them now. Before they only went to their mother.”

“With my tutor’s help, I learned to write my own checks, read and understand my own bills.”

“I realize now I’m not dumb. I can learn. I just needed my own teacher.”

“I really enjoy my tutor as a teacher and a friend.”

### Tutors

“It’s a real joy to help people help themselves.”

“I’m learning, too.”

“The program has been a wonderful experience. I only regret I didn’t know about it years ago.”

“I enjoy reading so much, I wanted to help open up that world to someone else.”

## FREE instruction for adults who need help with....

- Basic reading, writing, math
- GED preparation
- English for speakers of other languages
- Citizenship exam preparation



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## Volunteers Needed!

## Who We Are

The Adult Learner Services Program offers adults free, confidential, one-to-one and small group instruction in basic reading, writing, math, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), and preparation for the high school equivalency exam (GED). Volunteer tutors receive training and on-going support as they work in partnership with their students to reach individual educational goals.

### Individual Tutoring

The heart of the program lies in one-to-one tutoring. Meetings with the volunteer tutor are private and happen at a time and place that is mutually convenient. Many people find they flourish with personalized attention they receive.

### Small Group Classes

Some areas in the state provide small group instruction for ESOL, GED preparation, or basic skills. Time and length of sessions vary from place to place.

**If you know of someone  
who needs help  
or wants to volunteer,  
please pass the word.**

## Student Opportunities

### Basic Education

- basic reading instruction
- writing skills
- math for life skills

### High School Equivalency (GED)

- preparation for the 5-part test (Writing, Social Studies, Science, Literature, Math)

### English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)

- conversational English
- reading
- writing
- survival skills

### Student Requirements

- meet 2 to 4 hours per week with a tutor or attend class regularly
- complete homework
- contact tutor in advance to cancel or postpone a lesson

### Registration: On-going

To make a confidential appointment, call your county ALS coordinator. Part of the initial meeting at the ALS office will include an informal assessment of the student's current skill level and a discussion of educational goals. For those interested in the GED, a GED practice test will be given when appropriate.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Tutoring

- no previous teaching experience necessary
- tutor 2 to 4 hours per week
- prepare lessons
- work at mutually convenient time and location
- training and materials provided
- continual support given through tutor support groups and local coordinator

### Helping with Projects

- office or library work
- newsletter publication
- volunteer and student recruitment
- fundraising
- support group organization

